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No. 2.

SELECTED BY J. P. McCASKEY.

I was once at a little musical party in New York, where several accomplished amateur singers were present, and with them the eminent professional, Adelaide Phillips. The amateurs were first called. Each chose some difficult operatic passage, and sang her best. When it came to the great singer's turn, instead of exhibiting her ability to eclipse these rivals on her own ground, she simply seated herself at the piano and sang 'Kathleen Mavourneen,' with such thrilling sweetness, that the young Irish girl who was setting the supper-table in the next room forgot her plates and teaspoons, threw herself into a chair, put her apron over her face, and sobbed as if her heart would break.—Thos. W. Higginson.

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T "lacks orderly arrangement" has been an occasional criticism upon the First Number. It pretends to none; but is simply a collection of good things brought together, with reading matter, pertinent and suggestive, sandwiched between—the singer or reader taking what he finds "for better, for worse." While in No. 1 everything is complete on its own page, in No. 2 no leaf is turned to complete any Song or Hymn. There is no space lost or wasted anywhere, unless, indeed, matter of no value has at times found place here, which we trust will not be the verdict of many who may use this Second Number. That the book may be as useful and as satisfactory as possible, the selections are arranged, with few exceptions, in four parts, so that they can be sung or played in solo, duet, trio, or quartette, according to circumstances, or as may be preferred for voices or instruments. Some, of course, are best as solos, others in two, three, or four parts, or in the full-voiced harmony of the great chorus.

Special acknowledgments are made to Publishers and others for copyright privileges and numerous favors. To Prof. CARL MATZ, who verifies the saying, "When you find a Prussian you find a man," the Compiler cannot express too heartily his sense of personal obligation. Endowed with the divine gift of harmony in an extraordinary degree, possessed of exquisite taste, and a power of memory in music that is phenomenal, to this he has superadded the rigid training of the best schools of music in the world. He is a graduate of the first rank from the famous Seminary of Kœpenick, near Berlin, where for the third year of the course, (1866), under Rudolph Lange, he was leader of the grand orchestra and of the chorus of a hundred voices, having been chosen conductor by vote of the students of music in recognition of his eminent ability. He was then, for a year, connected with the Stern Institute, the Royal Conservatory of Berlin, after which he had charge of one of the finest organs in Germany for upwards of two years before coming to America. Since that time he has led a very busy life as conductor and organist, choir instructor, and teacher of music in public and private schools. Thus much in evidence that the harmony here found is approved by, or is from the hand of, a master.

All persons who enjoy music have their favorite Songs and Hymns, and some into whose hands this Collection may fall, would be pleased to find such favorites here. It they will address the Compiler, in care of the Publishers, suggesting the names of such old pieces as they remember pleasantly, sending copies of the same or stating where they may be found, they will be carefully considered, and the merits of the book as a Popular Collection will be much enhanced.

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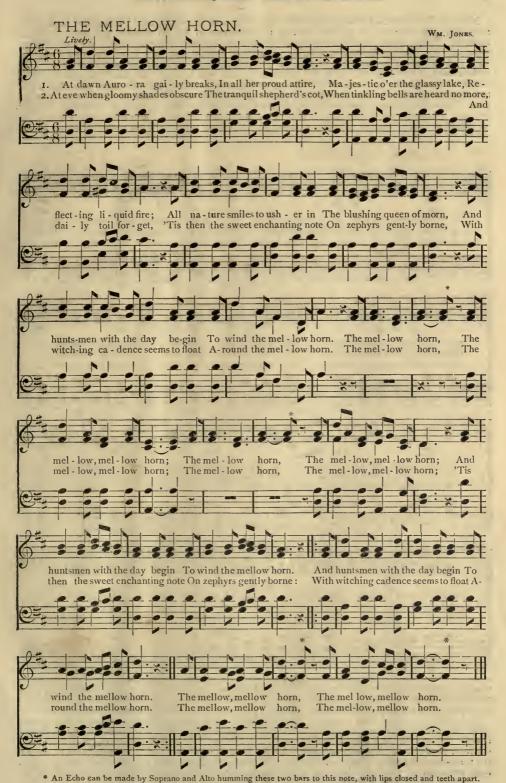
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CARE OF THE VOICE.—Mr. Eichberg, Supervisor and 'timbre' of the female voice. I am convinced of Music in the public schools of Boston, gives the following caution, which is well worth heeding. He says: The age of most of the pupils in the ment from the very fact that, not suffering, like a



desire of exhibiting and showing off their classes. sing, and then told her her voice was gone, that she Another frightful cause of injury proceeds from the must not sing a note for a year, and return to him

Another frightful cause of injury proceeds from the must not sing a note for a year, and return to annual desire of many female pupils always to sing the highest part—the first soprano. It is with them prove her health. She faithfully complied with "Aut Cæsar, aut nullus." Periodical examination of the pupils' voices, by the teacher, has seemed to appointed time. Rest at a critical period, had remet the only safe course in order to remedy this evil. In Jenny Lind's younger days, it is related that gratification of her master. From that moment a she applied for instructions to Garcia, the great grand career was open before her, which has made teacher of vocal music in Paris. He heard her her name a "household word" in two continents.



The Bach family, which took its rise about 1550 and became extinct in 1800, presents an un-broken series of musicians for nearly two centuries. The head of the family was a baker of Presburg, his two sons were the first who were musicians by profession. Their descendants "overran Thuringia, Saxony, and Franconia," says Papillon. "They were

MUSICAL HEREDITY.—Heredity shows itself more | Germany, 'city musicians.' When they became too markedly, it would seem, in the arts than in the numerous to live all together, and the members of sciences. Taking music we find some remarkable this family were scattered abroad, they resolved to meet once a year, on a stated day, with a view to maintaining a sort of patriarchal bond of union. This custom was kept up until nearly the middle of the eighteenth century, and oftentimes more than a 100 persons bearing the name of Bach-men, women, and children-were to be seen assembled. In the family are reckoned twenty-nine eminent musicians, all organists, church singers, or what is called in and twenty-eight of a lower grade." Rossini's family



grandfather were musicians; Mozart's father was Capellmeister to the Bishop of Saltzburg.—Cornhill.

IT is night now, and here is home. Gathered under the quiet roof, elders and children lie, alike

often played music at fairs; Beethoven's father and | Eyes, as I shut mine, look at me that have long since ceased to shine. The town and the fair landscape sleep under the starlight, wreathed under the Autumn mist. Twinkling among the houses, a light keeps watch here and there, in what may be a sick chamat rest. In the midst of a great calm the stars look ber or two. The clock tolls sweetly in the silent air. out from the heavens. The silence is peopled with Here is night and rest. An awful sense of thanks the past-sorrowful remorse for sins and short-com- makes the heart swell and the head bow, as I pass ings, memories of passionate joys and griefs rise to my room through the sleeping house, and feel as out of their graves, both now alike calm and sad. though a hushed blessing were upon it.— Thackeray.



Where the poor man's as great,

G. Yes, as if he'd a thousand a year, Robin Ruff,

G. & R. Yes, as if he'd a thousand a year.

What! though he hath no estate?

Say, what with your pains

If you then had a thousand a year?

Would you do with your gains,

If you then had a thousand a year, Robin Ruff?

THE EAR.—The sound-wave passes first into the them to the auditory nerve, the fine filaments of auditory canál, about an inch in length, and striking against the tympanum, or ear-drum, which closes the orifice of the external ear, it throws this membrane into vibration. Next, a series of small bones, called respectively, from their peculiar form, the hammer, anvil, and stirrup, conduct to the inner ear, which is termed, from its complicated stucture, the labyrinth. This is filled with liquid, and contains semi-circular canals, and the cochlea (snail-

which are spread out to catch every pulsation of the sound-wave. The middle ear, which contains the chain of small bones, is a simple cavity about half an inch in diameter, filled with air. It communicates with the mouth by means of the Eustachian tube. Within the labyrinth are also fine, elastic hair-bristles and crystalline particles among the nerve-fibres, wonderfully fitted, the one to receive and the other to prolong the vibrations; and lastly, a lute of 3,000 shell) which receive the vibrations and transmit microscopic strings, so stretched as to vibrate in uni-



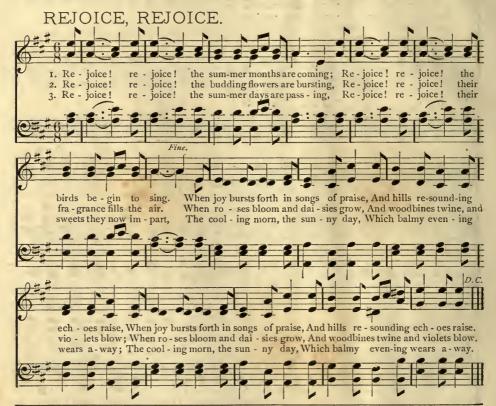
son with any sound. The Eustachian tube is generally closed, thus cutting off the air in the inner cavity from the external air. If at any time the pressure of the atmosphere without becomes greater or less than that within, the tympanum feels the strain. A forcible blow upon the ear may produce in this way temporary deafness. In the act of swallowing, the tube is opened and the equilibrium restored. We may force and nose, and forcibly expiring the air from our lungs. This will render us insensible to low sounds, or set in motion eighteen tons of the atmosphere.

while we can hear the higher ones as usual .- Steele. A tired bee hums in E; while in pursuit of honey it hums contentedly in A. The common horse-fly, when held captive, moves its wings 335 times a second; a honey-bee, 190 times. Youmans says it is marvelous how slight an impulse throws a vast amount of air into motion. We can easily hear the song of a bird 500 feet above us. For its melair into the cavity of the car by closing our mouth ody to reach us it must have filled with wave pulsations a sphere of air, one thousand feet in diameter,



Too Artistic.—The great mistake as to the sing- not a note in music, can sing the praises of God so ing in public worship is the desire to make it artistic. In Rome and Paris people rush to the churches to hear the singing; they care nothing for the other parts of the mass. Such is the case in many Protparts of the mass. estant churches, where devotional singing has given way to the operatic. We have heard of a church where the preaching is voted a bore, but where the fashionable resort to hear sacred songs sung by professional singers from the opera; where the singing costs more than the preaching. How much better costs more than the preaching. is it to go to such churches, where the praying and preaching are mere accompaniments to the singing, than going to the opera? The truth is, that we sacrifice the devotional in the proportion that we cultivate the artistic beyond a given line.

as to excite their devotional feelings, if the tune is a familiar one. And these form the great majority of ordinary congregations; and it is in reference to these, and not for the few cultivated ears, that the singing of congregations should be conducted. heard the choir of the Sistine Chapel, and of St. Peter's and of St. Paul's; but so far as devotion is concerned, their singing bore no comparison to that we have heard in Scotch churches, led by a precentor from a seat under the pulpit; or in a Methodist church, when the brethren had "a good time." The singing in which most of the people can unite, may not be the most tasteful and classical, but is the best for the people; it is the most devotional. It may People that know grate upon the ears of young misses from boarding-



schools, and of young gentlemen of operatic tastes; I grasp this thoroughly, for it is difficult at first to make but because it elevates the religious feelings of the people, it is harmony in the ear of heaven. even soldiers are led to the deadly breach, it is always under the inspiriting influence of words and tunes in which battalions may unite. If the "Marseillaise,' as Lamartine says, was to Frenchmen as "a recovered echo from Thermopylæ," why should not our Christian psalms and lymns be so sung as to be recovered echoes from Calvary? As singing is the part of public worship designed to unite all the people in concert it is a desecration of it to surrender it to a committee of artist musicians in the gallery .- Dr. Murray.

STRANGE as it may seem, if there were no creature that could hear upon the earth, there would be no such thing as sound, though all the movements in nature were going on just as they are now. Try to whose structure few people know anything whatever.

people believe it. Suppose you were stone-deaf, there would be no such thing as sound to you. A heavy hammer falling on an anvil would indeed shake the air violently, but since this air when it reached your ear would find a useless instrument, it could not play upon it. And it is this play on the drum of your ear and the nerves within it speaking to your brain which makes sound. Therefore, if all creatures on or around the earth were without ears or nerves of hearing, there would be no instruments on which to play, and consequently there would be no such thing as sound. This proves that two things are needed in order that we may hear. First, the outside movement which plays on our hearing instrument; and secondly, the hearing instrument itself, of

tals, and at the same time one of the most irritable. His best jokes were perpetrated frequently during a distant part of the room to enjoy the effect. The his most violent bursts of passion. - Having occasion to bring out one of his oratorios in a provincial town of England, he began to look about for such material to complete his orchestra and chorus as the place might afford. One and another was recommended, as usual, as being a splendid singer, a great player, and so on. After a while these were gathered to-gether in a room, and, after preliminaries, Handel made his appearance, puffing, both arms full of man-is long suffering, of great kindness, forgiving iniquity, uscripts. "Gentlemen." quoth he, "you all read transgression and sin; you sal blay in de church, but

HANDEL was one of the most humorous of mor- dis," said Handel, distributing the parts. This done, and a few explanations delivered, Handel retired to stumbling, fumbling and blundering that ensued is said to have been indescribable. . Handel's sensitive ear and impetuous spirit could not long brook the insult, and clapping his hands to his ears, he ran to the old gentleman of the violoncello, and shaking his fist furiously at the terrified man and the instrument, said, "You blay in de church!-very wellyou may blay in de church-for we read, De Lord manuscripts?" "Yes, yes." responded from all parts of the room. "We play in the church," added an manuscripts, he rushed out of the room, leaving his old man behind a violoncello. "Very well, play astonished performers to draw their own conclusions.



I HAVE often seen piano-forte players and singers pipe his little tunes; and there he was, sure enough, make such strange motions over instrument or song swimming and waving about, with all the droopings canary bird and hung it up in a cage at my window. self-satisfied judgment on a creature made of finer, By-and-by he found himself at home, and began to clay than the stalwart frame which has so very long.

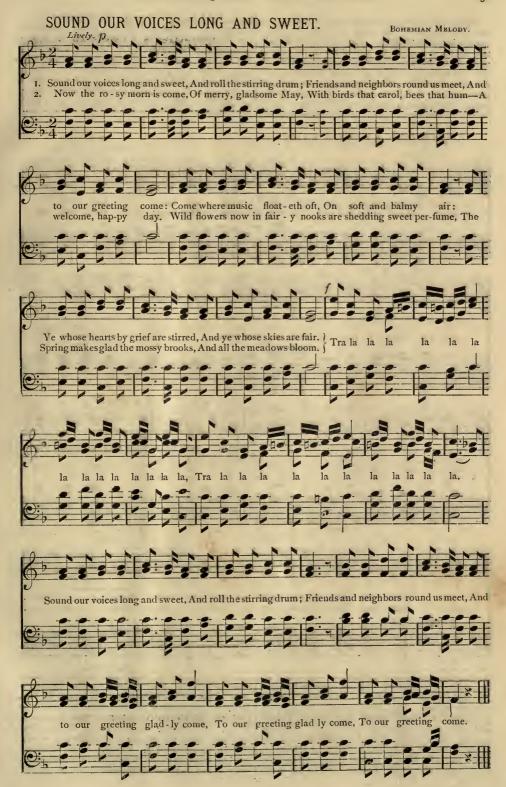
book, that I have wanted to laugh at them. "Where and liftings, languishing side-turnings of the head that did our friend pick up these fine cestatic airs?" I did laughed at. And now I should like to ask who would say to myself. Then I would remember my lady in "marriage a la mode," and amuse myself foolish head was not the one swinging itself from thinking an affectation was the same thing in Hogarth's side to side and bowing and nodding over the music, time as in our own. But one day I bought me a but that other which was passing its shallow and



carried that same critical head upon its shoulders? Your former conversation has made me think repeatedly what a number of beautiful words there are of which we never think of estimating the value, as there are of blessings. How carelessly, for example, do we (not we, but people) say "I am delighted to hear from you." 'No other language has this beautiful expression, which, like some of the most lovely flowers, loses its charm for want of close inspection. When I consider the deep sense of these very simple and

very common words, I seem to hear a voice coming from afar through the air, intrusted to the care of the elements, for the nurture of my sympathy.-Landor.

WE often hear that this or that "is not worth an old song." Alas! how few things are! What precious recollections do some of them awaken! pleasurable tears do they excite! They purify the streams of life; they can delay it in its shelves and rapids; they can turn it back again to the soft cool moss amidst which its sources issue. - Landor.



schools is not uncommon. Those who oppose, hold that music is a specialty, that there is no general necessity for its culture, because its use is only for the than music? It follows us from the cradle to the its use makes it useful, and shows its need. But it grave. The infant is cradled with a lullaby. Every is said, How can a science so difficult and so hard

Music in Schools.—Controversy in reference to ingleside blossoms with song. Every service of the the introduction of the study of music in public sanctuary is strengthened by it. Every emotion of our human nature utters itself through it. Every convention is enlivened by it. Almost every town has its band, and every hamlet its instrument, and few. A little observation will show the opposite of every hedge and grove their warblers. It is comthis to be the truth. What, indeed, is more common mon almost as the air we breathe. The very fact of



to master, be introduced into our common schools? [common schools. That the children shall be able to No one expects the science to be mastered in the common schools. We have grammar; but who supposes that the common schools will exhaust the study,

sing. That the teachers shall so far master the fundamental principles of the science, as to be able to guide the children in the culture of this department and send out accomplished philologists? We have of art. The mother needs it in the family. Our reading and writing; but who supposes that the manhood needs its refining and hallowing power. common schools are to turn out finished scholars in Our churches demand it. Our very nature by divine belles-lettres? What is desired is simply this, -that providence craves it, and no primary or secondary inthe presence and power of music shall be felt in the struction can be complete without it. - E. E. Higbee.



Religion has yoked all the arts and sciences to her chariot, and one of the first of them was poetry, which expresses for us that to which logic and science cannot give utterance. Who does not thrill at the hymn of John Henry Newman, "Lead, Kindly Light," written when he felt the impending change of his whole life, that was to alienate him from so many friends and cast so much suspicion on him? Who does not feel the impulse of Bernard's "Jerusalem the Golden," or the Veni, Creator, written in the time of Charlemagne? Such

hymns are outside of dogma; they are common to all churches, Catholic and Protestant. But you say these are too old for the Sunday-school. Perhaps they are, yet they are far better for such use than the doggerel verses so often employed. Hymns, if they must be simple, must also be dignified; it is absurd to set a great bearded fellow singing of his little hands and feet, of his fresh, clean face. It is no doubt necessary to teach children hymns they understand, but their future must be looked to; thus it is well to teach them hymns they



do not wholly understand, that they may grow up with their ideas in them. Are not literary tastes formed in part by the selections in reading-books that we do not, as children, fully understand? Like the choice of these prose selections should be that of Sunday-school hymns; especially so should it be for those who are just about entering on manhood and womanhood. They should be given that which will be of greatest use to them.

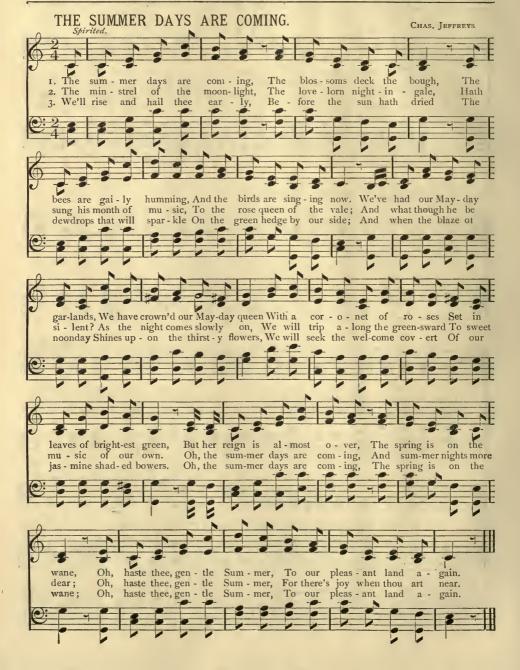
HELEN sat down at the piano. Her time was perfect and she never blundered a note. She played well and woodenly, and had for her reward a certain wooden satisfaction in her own performance. The music she chose was good of its kind, but had more to do with the instrument than the feelings, was more dependent upon the execution than the expression. Bascombe yawned behind his handkerchief, and Wingfold gazed at the profile of the player, wondering how, with such fine features and complexion, with such a fine shaped and well-set head, her face should be so far short of interesting. It seemed a face that had no story.—Macdonald.

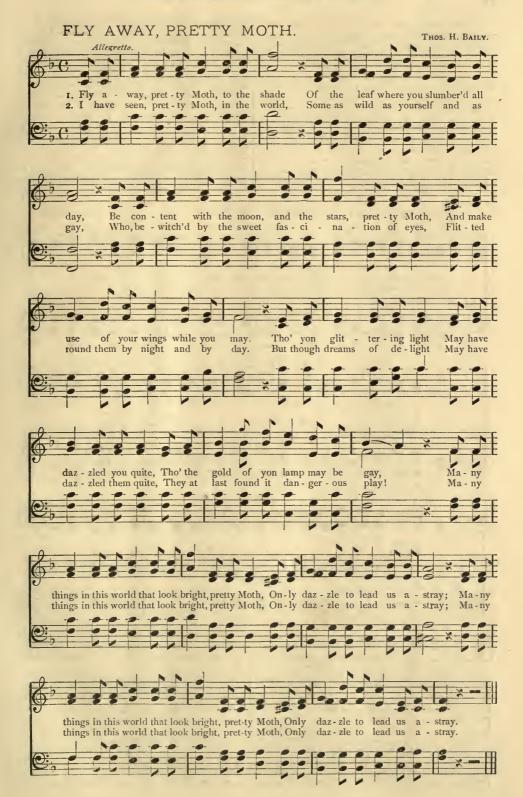


Loiter we in childhood's dream, Fairy realms abound; Linger we beside the stream, Glory all around.—*Cho*. Dreaming o'er our happy lot, Heav'n ne'er seemed so near; Would you find Earth's favored Seek it, wand'rer, here. [spot.

Mem'ry bells these sounds shall be, Tones that ne'er depart; Mem'ry bells for thee and me,— We listen with the heart.—*Cho*. disgust at the flood of musical trash that is annually poured from our music publishing houses in the shape of new tune-books. Every fresh book must contain new and original music. The old tunes must be mangled past recognition, and the compiler must rack his brains to invent new and more dreadful abortions, labeled with astounding names, and called tunes. If all the organists in the country were to meet in convention, and then vote on the best and most useful chorals, they would blot out of existence nine-tenths of these tunes, and give us a list of not over one hundred congregational tunes of real merit. There are at the smoke rise as incense to pure art.—Barnard.

MUSICAL TRASH .- I wish to express my unfeigned | least twenty-four hundred pages of new tunes published every year. Of these how many are worth the paper they are printed upon? Perhaps a dozen tunes. Taking all the civilized people in the world together, it is found that only one man in a million is a musical composer of real genius. Plenty of people can pick out a tune on the piano. They are not composers. We have in the United States a few men, like Zundel and Tuckerman, who can write a choral. The music they give us will live. As for the rest, to the trunk-maker with it! A poor tune-book will make good kindling. To the fire with the rubbish, and let





To Religion, music owes indeed a threefold homage. First, the earliest authentic records which we have in the history of music, as it now is, are records in the history of church music; so that music, as an art, began in the church. Second, the greatest workers in the realm of music, and a large majority of all the workers in that realm, have been earnest Christian men, influenced, and to a great extent controlled, by a strong religious zeal. Third, the subjects which have inspired the masterpieces of the classics, are themes taken from the Christian's guide-book, the Bible. Although the ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans had both vocal and instrumental music, yet, as Mr. Hunt says in his concise History of Music," "It is not until the fourth century after Christ, that the actual history of music as a separate art begins." Not only did it have its be-

ginning in the Christian era, but it received its first tangible and permanent mold from zealous Christian men. They not only, as Choran says, "transmitted to us all the ancient practical music, with which we are acquainted," but they built upon this the foundation upon which the present superstructure stands. How long might music have languished and remained rude and uncultivated if there had not arisen such zealous Christian workers as Pope Sylvester, St. Ambrose, St. Gregory and Guido Aretina! The greatest composers of music, and those who have done most for the art, have been men of deep religious feeling, earnestly laboring to render their best service to a God whom they not only loved, but whom they believed to demand of them ten more talents for the talents he had lent. Under the influence of religious zeal a man will accom-



plish more than under any other impulse. Can we think of the author of "The Messiah" as any other than a religious man? Moore says, in his Encyclopedia, "Haydn was very religious; it may even be said that, through his firm faith in the truths of religion, his talent was increased." The commencement of all his scores was inscribed with some of the following mottoes: "In Nomine Domini," (In the name of the Lord) or "Soli Deo Gloria," (To God alone be glory) and, at the end of all of them, "Laus Deo." (Paise to God), He himself said: "When I was working on 'The Creation,' I felt myself so penetrated with religion, that, before I sat down to my piano, I prayed confidently to God to give me the talent requisite to praise him worthily." Of Mendelssohn, Lampadius says: "To speak out in a

single word what was the most salient feature of his character, he was a Christian in the fullest sense." But, after all, the subject which the composer chooses, the theme, is often a fountain of inspiration. How could Haydn have written so grandly if he had not for a subject "The Creation?" What characters for grandeur are Elijah and St. Paul? What could have inspired Handel like "The Messiah," or upon what other theme could he have heard angelic hosts shouting "Hallelujah, hallelujah!" We need but mention such subjects as the Masses (for example, Beethoven's Mass in D), and the grandest and most sublime of all music, Bach's "Passion Music," "which will endure unto the end of time," to show what great, almost heavenly power, is drawn forth by religious subjects.—More.



THE OLD SONGS.—There are no songs like the old stamp. songs. In ancient times, that is to say, in the halfforgotten days of our youth, a species of song existed which exists no more. It was not as the mournful ballads of these days, which seem to record the gloomy utterances of a strange young woman who has wandered into the magic scene in "Der Freischutz," and who mixes up the moanings of her passiched the crises of a particular heroine's life; it sion with descriptions of the sights and sounds she there finds around her. It was of quite another meet him in the evening. Well, all the world was

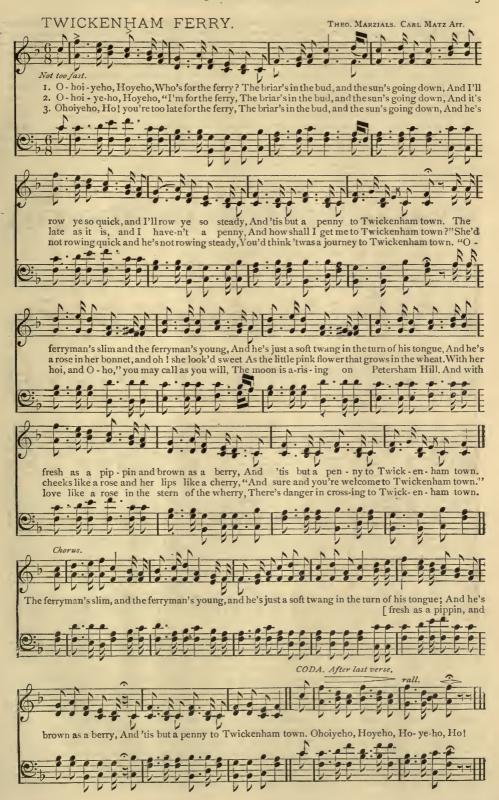
stamp. It dealt with a phraseology of sentiment peculiar to itself, a "patter," as it were, which came to be universally recognized in drawing rooms. It spoke of maidens plighting their troth, of Phillis enchanting her lover with her varied moods, of marble halls in which true love still remained the same. apostrophized the shells of ocean; it tenderly de-



content to accept this conventional phraseology, and, behind the paraphernalia of "enchanted moonbeams," and "fondest glances," and "adoring sighs," perceived and loved the sentiment that could find no simpler utterance. Some of us, hearing the half-forgotten songs again, suddenly forget the odd language, and the old pathos springs up again as fresh as in the days when our first love had just come home from boarding-school; while others, who have no old-standing acquaintance with these memorable songs, have but the feeble accents of our own broken prayers.

somehow got attracted to them by the mere quaintness of their speech and simplicity of their airs.—Black.

Our unconsciousness is no proof of the absence of sound. There are, doubtless, sounds in Nature of which we have no conception. Could our sense be quickened, what celestial harmony might thrill us! Professor Cooke beautifully says: "The very air around us may be resounding with the hallelujahs of the heavenly host, while our dull ears hear nothing



A SUFFICIENTLY accurate definition of music for our purpose is that it is "an agreeable succession of pleasing and harmonious sounds." Three essential elements enter into its composition—rhythm or accent, power, and tone; or measure, quantity, and quality. The first two seem to satisfy the untutored savage, whose tomtom and Indian drum possess no other musical quality than a harsh sonorousness, whose monotony is only varied by the stronger or feebler beat given by the performer. As we rise in the scale of being from New Zealander to the man of culture and refinement, a Beethoven becomes not only a possibility, but a necessity; it is no greater stride from the barbaric death chant to the Seventh Symphony than from the infant stumbling

over the alphabet to a Demosthenes or a Shakespeare The influence of music in past ages and among by-gone peoples it is difficult now to estimate; but it has gone hand in hand with intellectual and æsthetic culture, and has ever been reckoned a divine art, an acknowledged force in moulding character and governing men. Radan relates a curious Hindoo legend celebrating the power of music: Men and animals move in harmony with the musician's wand, while all inanimate nature obeys the influence of music composed by the god Mahedo and his wife Parlutea. In the reign of Akbar a famous singer sang a "raga," consecrated to the night, in open day. Immediately the sun was eclipsed, and darkness spread as far as the voice was heard. There



was another raga which burned him who dared to sing it. Akbar, desiring to make trial of it, ordered a musician to sing this song while plunged up to the neck in the sacred river of Jumna. In vain: the unfortunate singer became a prey to the flames. If these ancient legends convey no other lesson, they indicate a profound and wide-spread conviction of the power of music. Leaving an atmosphere that savors of fable, it is a matter of record that Alexander the Great was roused to fury by the Phrygian and calmed by the Lydian melodies of Timotheus. It is also related that an insurrection in Sparta was quelled by Terpander, who sang skillfully to the accompaniment of his harp. Our amusing Radan questions the wisdom, however, of

arming the police of to-day with flutes and guitars as means of preserving the peace. We know what miracles of daring have been wrought by the proscribed volcanic "Marseillaise." Nor was the French general far wrong when he reported: "I have won the victory. The 'Marseillaise' commanded with me." Who shall say that Arndt's song, "What is the German Fatherland?" had not as much to do with the unification of his country as Bismarck's blood and iron? In our own land, in this day and generation, a Roman Catholic priest, who had been asked to explain the reason of the rapid and extraordinary spread of his religion, answered, with more frankness than reverence for dogma, "It is the blessing of God on good music."—Gray.

EDUCATION.—When a boy I was very fond of music, and am so now; and it so happened that I had the opportunity of hearing much good music. Among other things I had abundant opportunities of hearing that great old master, Sebastian Bach. I remember perfectly well—though I knew nothing about music then, and, I may add, know nothing whatever about it now—the intense satisfaction and delight which I had in listening by the hour together to Bach's fugues. It is a pleasure which remains with me, I am glad to think, but of late years I have tried to find out the why and wherefore, and it has often occurred to me that the pleasure in musical compositions of this kind is essentially of the same nature as that which is derived from pursuits which are commonly regarded as purely intel-

lectual. I mean that the source of pleasure is exactly the same as in most of my problems in morphology—that you have the theme in one of the old master's works followed out in all its endless variations, always appearing and always reminding you of unity in variety. So in painting; what is called truth to nature is the intellectual element coming in, and truth to nature depends entirely upon the intellectual culture of the person to whom art is addressed. If you are in Australia, you may get the credit for being a good artist—I mean among the natives—if you can draw a kangaroo after a fashion. But among men of higher civilization the intellectual knowledge we possess brings its criticism into our appreciation of works of art, and we are obliged to satisfy it as well as the mere sense of beauty



in color and in outline. And so the higher the culture and information of those whom art addresses, the more exact and precise must be what we call its "truth to nature." If we turn to literature the same thing is true, and you find works of literature which may be said to be pure art. A little song of Shakespeare or of Goethe is pure art, although its intellectual content may be nothing. A series of pictures is made to pass before your minds by the meaning of words, and the effect is a melody of ideas. And if you will let me for a moment speak of the very highest forms of literature, do we not regard them as highest simply because the more we know the truer they seem, and the more competent we are to appreciate beauty the more beautiful they are? No man ever understands Shakespeare

until he is old, though the youngest may admire him; the reason being that he satisfies the artistic instinct of the youngest and harmonizes with the ripest and richest experience of the oldest. It is not a question whether one order of study or another should predominate, but rather of what topics of education you shall select, combining all the needful elements in such due proportion as to give the greatest amount of food and support and encouragement to those faculties which enable us to appreciate truth, and to profit by those sources of innocent happiness which are open to us, and at the same time to avoid that which is bad and coarse and ugly, and to keep clear of the multitude of pitfalls and dangers which beset those who break through the natural or moral laws.— Thos. H. Huxley.

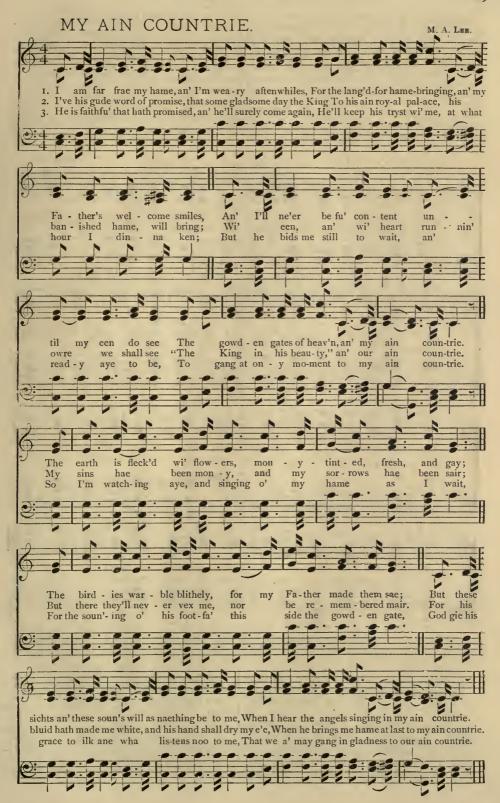
MILITARY MUSIC. - In the seventeenth century, tife, the horn, the bassoon, the big drum, and the we find the hautboy, an instrument of German origin, given to the dragoons and musketeers of the guard. We are indebted to the Hungarians, and through them to the eastern nations, for the kettledrum, the bassoon, and the true flute; for the tamborine to the Italians; the modern horn, to the Hanoverians; for the cymbals and big drum, to the Turks. The adoption of these last two instruments and the kettledrums, gave the name of Turkish music to certain military The combination of their instruments with the cavalry trumpet constituted, at the beginning of the eighteenth century, the entire musical scheme of the troops. Then each battalion, each company, had the army. But it is only since 1792 that military its particular and distinctive music.

cymbals belonged particularly to the infantry; the trumpet, the hautboy, the bagpipe, the kettledrum to the cavalry. An ordinance in France, in 1766, appointed a band of music to each regiment. It was composed of all the instruments which then belonged to the companies or sections of troops. The clarionet, invented in the beginning of the eighteenth century, by an inhabitant of Nuremburg, was not received into the military band of France before the year 1755 The serpent, invented in 1590, the triangle, which was the cymbal of the Middle Ages, and the trom-The drum, the music has been truly developed. Its utility has been



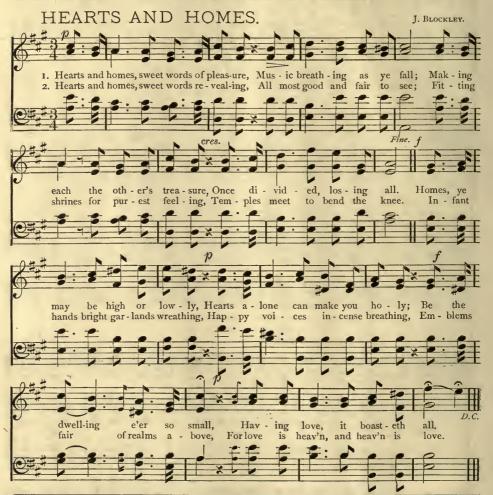
a frequent theme of discussion. Who does not know the grand effect of a national air played by a military band previous to an engagement? The very coward is fired with enthusiasm by the strains of some home or national melody. There is no feeling implanted in man's nature, which so veritably deserves the name of instinct as a love of music. To the soldier, especially in time of war, it is grateful beyond measure. On his weary march, it takes from his fatigue; in distant climes it carries him back to his home; in the hour of battle it arouses ambition and incites to noble deeds of courage. Indeed, music is one of the most beneficial addenda to military improvement, - Moore, difficult experiment, had become a pleasant pastime.

THE proprietor of the Cyfarthfa iron works, Wales, organized among his men a brass band, which met for practice once a week, throughout the year. They numbered sixteen instruments. A visitor says, he heard them perform the overture to Zampa, the Caliph of Bagdad and Fra Diavolo, with a number of waltzes, polkas, etc. They took up the time well, and the instruments preserved it with spirit and accuracy. These men were in the mountains of Wales and had never listened to other bands. Their habits and manners, appeared to have been improved under the softening influence of music, which, from a doubtful and



mous for these mechanical organs-orchestrions, as they are called-and in some instances they are brought to great perfection. There is a shop close to the exhibition, bearing the name of Lamy Söhne, full of clocks and singing-birds and orchestrions, where you may pass half an hour in a fairy-land of surprises and all kinds of mechanical music. One morning I went in with an old lady and gentleman-the lat-

MECHANICAL MUSIC.—The Black Forest is fa- | Forest. Couldn't they level it, my dear?"—to her husband-"or build viaducts or something? Or, at the very least, couldn't they organize pony chaises all over the country—like those, you know, that we found so useful at Bournemouth last year? "Take a chair, my love," said the old gentleman sympathetically, without committing himself to an opinion. And he placed one for her, while the young man in the shop (whose jolly, good-natured face and broad grin delighted one to behold) wound up the orchester a grave dignitary of the church of England.
"A very tiring place," said the old lady; "all up and down hill; the only fault I find with the Black sheer exhaustion, and immediately the chair struck



up the lively air of "The Watch on the Rhine," listening to a really fine instrument. I left them mar-She sprang from her seat as if it had been a gridiron, as it came more wonderful than the last. - Argosy. and asked her husband reproachfully if he was amusnot sufficient to secure her from practical joking. "Dear me!" cried he, in amazement, looking at the offending chair as though he expected it to walk amoment the orchestrion struck up an operatic selec-uon, and the old lady recovered her amiability in ous smile, as Biddy hastens with her charge to the door.

with a decidedly martial influence upon its occupant. veling at all the birds and boxes, and thinking each

THE influence of music on the young, the ignorant ing himself at her expense, and whether her age was and depraved is not perhaps sufficiently regarded. Watch the crowd that collects around the street organist. His first note is the signal for all hastily to assemble. The care-worn and furrowed cheek is at way of its own accord. "What a musical nation these once lighted up with a pleasant smile. The beggar Black Foresters are! It's music everywhere! The forgets his penury, the laborer his toil, the boy with satvery chairs you sit down upon are full of it." At this chel at his back, forgets the hour for school. The tear



- We bade the fairest flowers that grow,
 Their varied tribute render,
 To shine above that brow of snow,
 In all their sunny splendor.
 Take, O take, etc.
- 4. Then deign to wear the wreath we twine,
 Thy beauteous ringlets shading;
 And be its charms a type of thine,
 In all except their fading.
 Take, O take, etc.

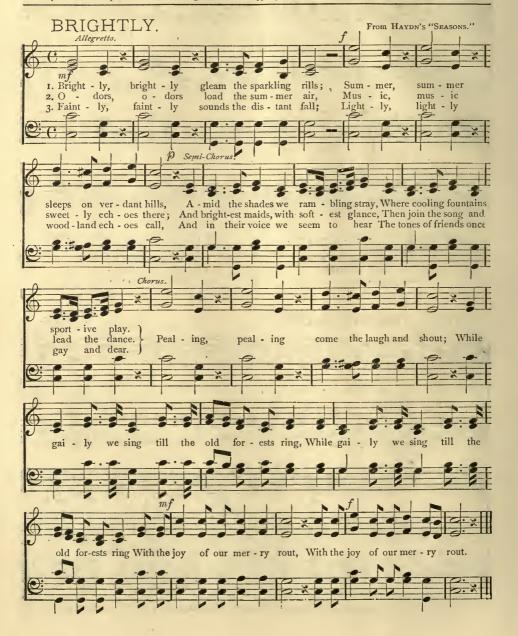


[.] Grace notes in Chorus are the original music in opera of "Der Freischutz," from which this is taken.

have a very curious history, but cannot always be tune of which the American song of "Yankee Doofully traced. Some of them probably owe their older was written. Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat, where have origin to names distinguished in our literature; as you been?" is of the age of Queen Bess. "Little Oliver Goldsmith, for instance, is believed in his earlier days to have written such compositions. Dr. "The Old Woman Tossed in a Blanket" is of the E. F. Rimbault gives us the following particulars as to some well-known favorites: "Sing a Song of Sixpence" is as old as the sixteenth century. "Three and screaming. To a screamer he once said: "Scream Blind Mice" is found in a music-book dated 1609. "The Frog and the Mouse" was licensed in 1580. you by me, whom he has set over you. Speak as "Three Children Sliding on the Ice" dates from earnestly as you can, but do not scream. Speak 1633. "London Bridge is Broken Down" is of unfathomed antiquity. "Girls and Boys, Come out was said of our Lord, 'He shall not cry:' the word to Play" is certainly as old as the reign of Charles properly translated means, 'He shall not scream."

NURSERY RHYMES,-Many of these productions III.; as is also "Lucy Locket lost her Pocket," to the

no more at the peril of your soul. God now warns





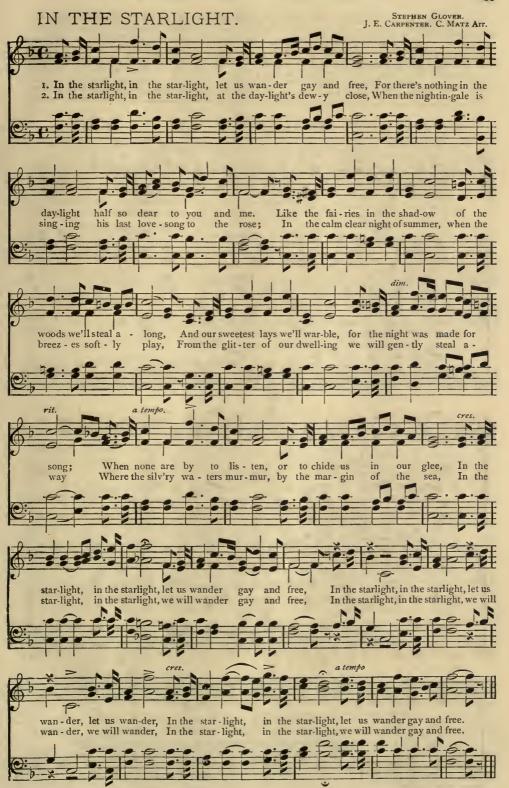
THE introduction of music into the public schools is a step in the right direction. If in every town and village in the Union the plan was as faithfully and earnestly executed as in Boston and its vicinity, already the great work would be almost accomplished. We need fresh impetus in every country town, in every village nestled among the hills or stretching out on the wide prairies. There is surely in every such place some earnest disciple who could gather a band of ten or a dozen who should be a

nucleus for a musical association. The influence of nusical culture which would result from such an association would make itself felt through the village church as well as in social relations; Sunday service would be better, and the best part of Sunday service would get into the week-days. It will not do to make the gathering merely a psalm-singing school; that has its use and has its day of separate influence. Sacred music, so called, should form a part of the practical programme; but a little care and research,



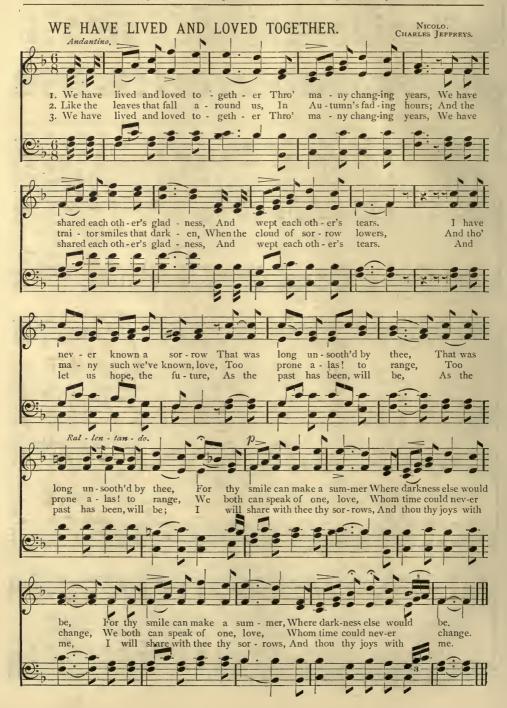
a correspondence with some musical authority in our large cities, would insure a judicious selection of attractive music within the compass of choirs and choruses of even very moderate ability. The modifying influence in a country town of a musical association conducted on broad, liberal principles for even a single decade, is incalculable. Polybius was a wise man in remarking that in Arcadia, a dull, cold country, music was essential to soften the man-

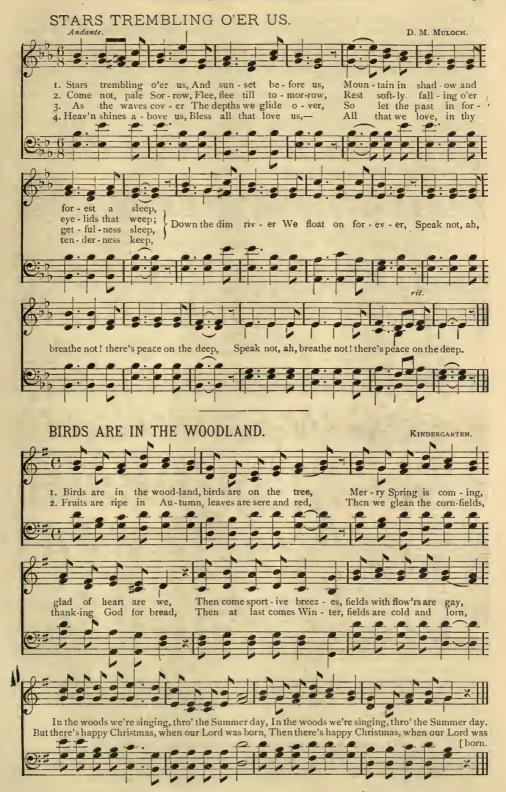
ners of the inhabitants, and that in Cynetus, where: music was not cultivated, vice prevailed to an alarming extent. Music will not hold its true place till, through the length and breadth of the land, it is recognized as elevating in its character, capable of perversion and misuse—as God's own word may be in the hands of the blasphemer—but a power still, infinite in truth and beauty, and a source of strength, encouragement, and inspiration to waiting thousands.



WHENEVER a strike of dissatisfied workmen oc- | sor, they drive him from his chair as they sing the Marcurs in any city of France, the strikers give expression seillaise. In short, whenever a Frenchman anywhere to their feelings by marching through the streets sing- in France is subjected to any indignity or outrage, or

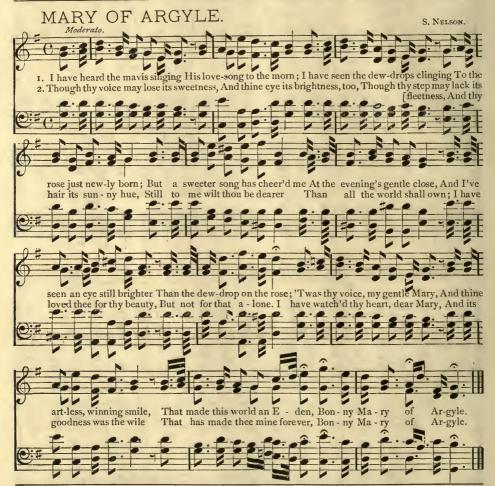
ing the Marseillaise. Whenever an individual in any part of France, suffers wrong at the hand of a judge of other public functionary, he takes revenge in singing, or attempting to sing the Marseillaise. When the students of a school in Paris quarrel with their profes-





EARLY GENIUS .- Gounod, the musical composer, a tone more threatening than encouraging, said to early manifested his talent. How he secured liberty him: "So you wish to be a musician?" "Yes, sir," His professor, M. Poirson, was in despair. His parsteadily refused to continue his classical studies. His music." The old man copied out the poem, "Joseph," mother appealed to M. Poirson, and implored him to recall her boy to what she considered to be his duty. The stern professor accordingly sent for him, and, in wrote an air and accompaniment, which he brought

to follow the bent of his genius, is told in the follow-ing incident: It seems that when a boy at college, fession." "What, sir; the profession of Beethoven, every effort was made to destroy his musical genius. of Mozart, of Gluck, is not a profession?" "But, remember that Mozart at your age had composed music ents intended him for the ecole normale. On its worth publishing, whereas you have only scribbled being announced to him that he was to go up for the notes on paper. However, here is your last chance; necessary examination, the boy burst into tears, and if you really are a musician, you can set words to



beauty of the composition, and it was at once dethe undoubted genius with which he was gifted.

ation. Whatever aids in that aids in promoting hap- the richer and deeper happiness it has in store for us.

back to his professor, and showed to him, pale with piness, and, as the feelings become more worthy of emotion. He felt that on his judgment his future expression, so every means of expressing them should career depended. He sang it to the old man, who listened in amazement, and led him to his drawing that the effects of good music upon the feelings them room, where he made him play the accompaniment selves are most beneficial, allaying evil passions, calmon a piano. Those present were enraptured by the ing undue excitement, soothing sorrow, and inspiring fresh hope and courage in the despondent. If it be cided that young Gounod must follow the bent of found also to have the power of developing the language by which heart speaks to heart, and thus of THAT we may sympathize truly, we must in a degree drawing humanity nearer together in sympathy, an partake of the feelings of others; and this can only be additional reason will arise for its cultivation, and the done in proportion to their truthful and delicate deline- delight which it now affords will be but a foretaste of



Sounds.—We are all so accustomed to trust to our sight to guide us in most of our actions, and to think of things as we see them, that we often forget how very much we owe to sound. And yet nature speaks to us so much by her gentle, her touching, or her awful sounds, that the life of a deaf person may be even more hard to bear than that of a blind one. Have you ever amused yourself with trying how many different sounds you can distinguish if you lis-ten at an open window in a busy street? You will probably be able to recognize easily the jolting of the heavy wagon or dray, the rumble of the omnibus, the smooth roll of the private carriage, and the rattle of

the light butcher's cart; and even while you are listening for these, the crack of the carter's whip, the cry of the costermonger at his stall, and the voices of the passers-by will strike upon your ear. Then, if you give still more close attention, you will hear the doors open and shut along the street, the footsteps of the passengers, the scraping of the shovel of the mud-carts; nay, if he happen to stand near, you may even hear the jingling of the shoeblack's pence as he plays pitch and toss upon the pavement. If you think for a moment, does it not seem wonderful that you should hear all these sounds so that you can recognize each one distinctly while all the rest are

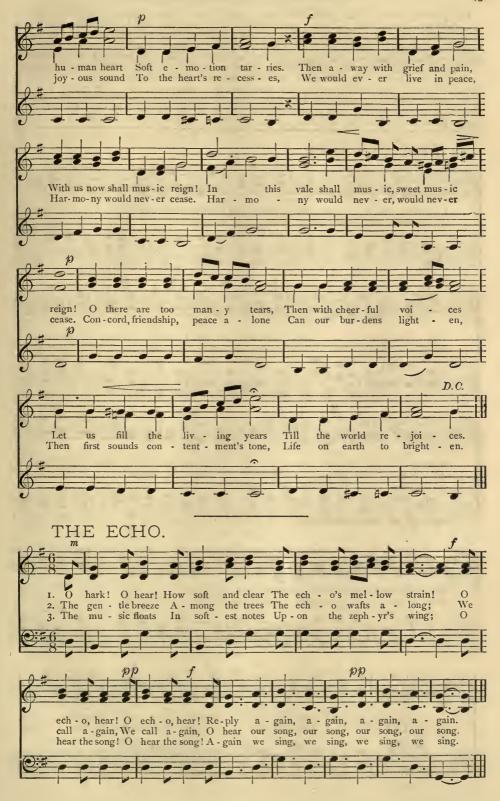


going on around you? But suppose you go into the quiet country. Surely there will be silence there. Try some day and prove it for yourself; lie down on the grass in a sheltered nook and listen attentively. If there be ever so little wind stirring you will hear it rustling gently through the trees; or even if there is not this, it will be strange if you do not hear some wandering gnat buzzing, or some busy bee humming as it moves from flower to flower. Then a grasshopper will set up a chirp within a few yards of you, or, if all living creatures are silent, a brook not far off may be flowing along with a rippling, musical sounds as these tell us how great and how terrisound. These and a hundred other noises you will ble nature can be in her varied moods.—Buckley.

hear in the most quiet country spot; the lowing of cattle, the song of the birds, the squeak of the fieldmouse, the croak of the frog, mingling with the sound of the woodman's axe in the distance, or the dash of some river torrent. And besides these quiet sounds, there are still other occasional voices of nature which speak to us from time to time. howling of the tempestuous wind abroad in its fury, the roaring of the sea-waves in a storm, the crash of thunder and its reverberations among the hills, and the mighty noise of the falling avalanche; such sounds as these tell us how great and how terri-



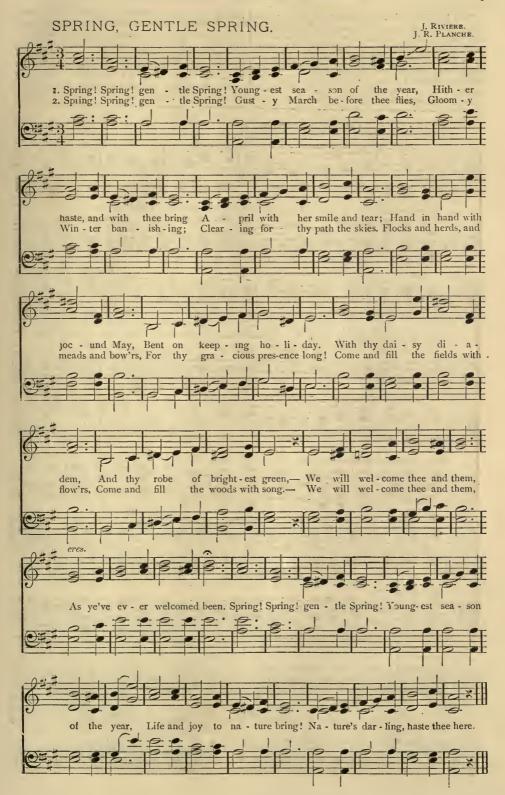




as music? Why are some mere noise, and others clear musical notes? This depends entirely upon whether the sound-waves come quickly and regularly, or by an irregular succession of shocks. For example, when a load of stones is being shot out of intervals upon your ear. Any quick and regular a cart, you hear only a long, continuous noise, because the stones fall irregularly, some quicker, some slower, here a number together, and there two or three stragglers by themselves; each of these different

MERE NOISE.—Why do we not hear all sounds | noisy sound. But if you run a stick very quickly along a paling, you will hear a sound very like a musical note. This is because the rods of the paling are all at equal distances one from the other, and so the shocks fall quickly one after another at regular succession of sounds makes a note, even though it may be a disagreeable one. The squeak of a slate pencil along a slate, and the shriek of a railway whistle are not pleasant, but they are real notes shocks comes to your ear and makes a confused, similar to those which can be produced on a violin.





Love Can Ne'er Forget," by Samuel Lover, has been ters of Ireland. He was born in Nobber, county Westthe foundation of several other ballads, some of them translated from the ancient Irish. The story runs that Carolan, a blind harper, recognized his early love, Bridget Cruise, by the touch of her hand, although he had not met her for twenty years. The old lover was playing by the water, when a ferry-boat drew near, and he chanced to assist the lady to alight.

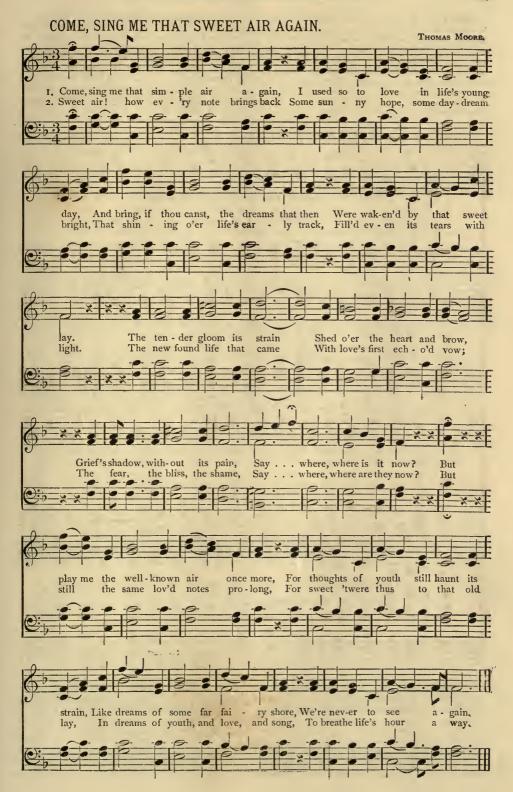
THE incident which gave rise to the song, "True | Turlogh O'Carolan, the bard, was one of the characmeath, in 1670, and was the last of the ancient race of Irish bards. He lost his eyesight at the age of sixteen. He made very beautiful words, but was chiefly noted for his exquisite melodies. Goldsmith, who had seen him in his boyhood, wrote in later life: "His songs may be compared to those of Pindar, they bearing the same flight of imagination."-Familiar Songs.



INVISIBLE .- All the sounds we hear-the warning noises which keep us from harm, the beautiful musical notes with all the tunes and harmonies that delight us, even the power of hearing the voices of those we love, and learning from one another that which each can tell-all these depend upon the invisible vaves of air, even as the pleasures of light depend on the waves of ether. It is by these sound-waves hat nature speaks to us, and in all her movements the brook recalling Shelley's beautiful lines: here is a reason why her voice is sharp or tender, oud or gentle, awful or loving. Why does the little brook sing so sweetly, while the wide, deep river makes no noise? Because the little brook eddies and

purls round the stones, hitting them as it passes; sometimes the water falls down a large stone, and strikes against the water below, or sometimes it grates the little pebbles together as they lie in its bed. Each of these blows makes a small globe of sound-waves, which spread and spread till they fall on your ear, and because they fall quickly and regularly, they make a low musical note. We might indeed fancy

Among the moss with hollow harmony,
Dark and profound; now on the polished stones
It danced; like childhood laughing as it went



to ourselves one set of waves going to the wall, and another set returning and crossing them, we will be ready to understand something of the very difficult question, How is it that we can hear many different sounds at one time and tell them apart? Have you ever watched the sea when its surface is much ruffled, and noticed how, besides the big waves of the tide, each other, and here too you can follow any one wave there are numberless smaller ripples made by the on to the edge of the pond. Now, just in this way the wind blowing the surface of the water, or the oars of waves of sound, in their manner of moving, cross

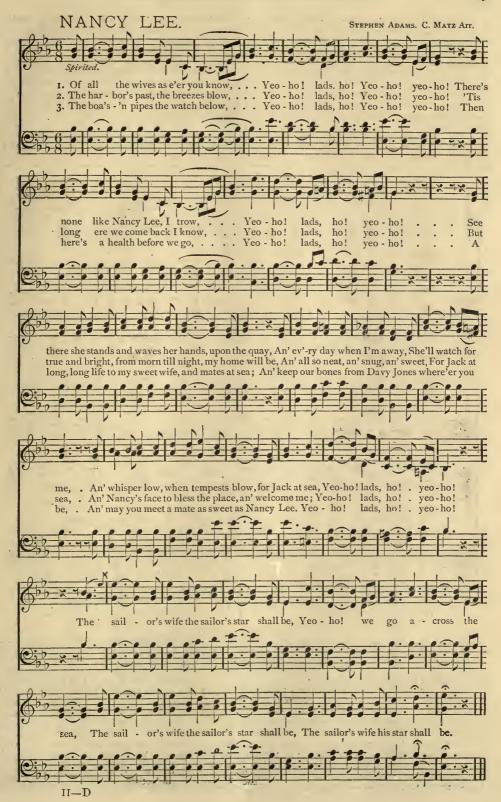
How They Move.—If we are now able to picture a boat dipping in it, or even rain-drops falling? If you have done this you will have seen that all these waves and ripples cross each other, and you can follow any one ripple with your eye as it goes on its way undisturbed by the rest. Or you may make beautiful crossing and recrossing ripples on a pond by throwing in two stones at a little distance from



You will remember too, and recross each other. that different sounds make waves of different lengths, just as the tide makes a long wave and the rain-drops Therefore each sound falls with its own peculiar wave upon your ear, and you can listen to that particular wave just as you look at one particular ripple, and then the sound becomes clear to you.

AUDUBON, as he camped in the forest, found the song of the whippoorwill one of the most delightful

sounds of nature, sweeter to him than that of the nightingale. Musicians have frequently attempted to write out the songs of birds. Wilson Flagg has thus embalmed the songs of nearly all our feathered minstrels. Handel has done kindred work for the nightingale. In the second quartet of the Minuet, Mozart incorporated the cackle of the domestic fowl, while Haydn, in his twentieth quartet, gives, with effeet, the joyous note that announces a new-laid egg.



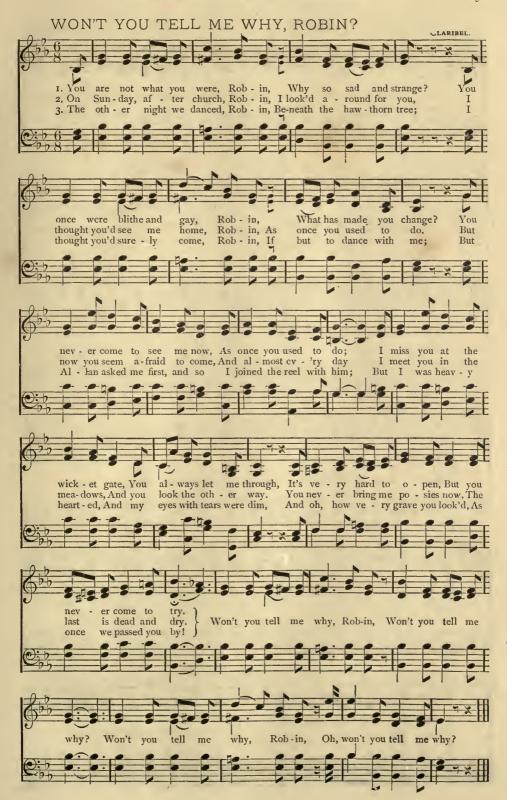
THERE can be no doubt that music has a great influence in imparting those delightful sensations which tend to sweeten and prolong life. That this fact is often recognized is testified by the immense number of those who devote themselves entirely to the manufacture and sale of musical instruments. It is, however, acknowledged throughout the world, that the human voice has no equal for the production of sweet, elevating, enchanting sounds that delight the ear and give tone and coloring to the words of the poet. Hence, of all kinds of music, vocal music should claim the especial attention of all earnest and progressive educators, for singing is known to improve the enunciation, refine the taste, elevate the morals, confirm the health,

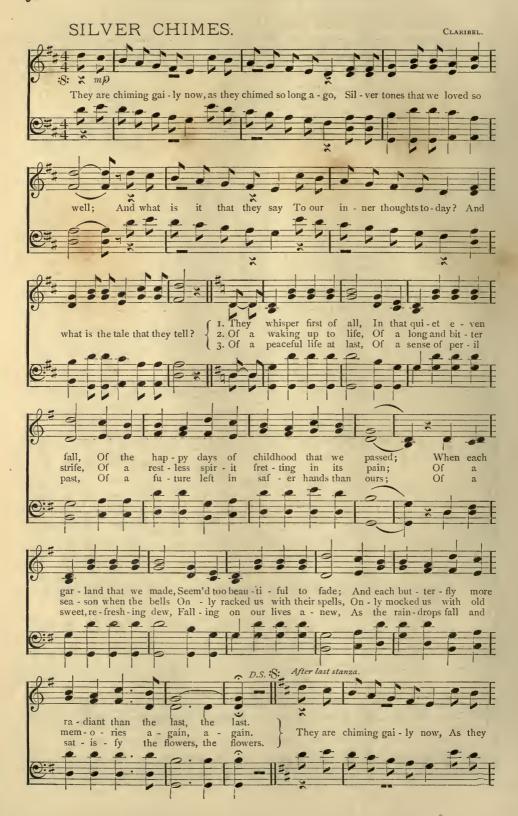
strengthen the social feeling, and add much to the pleasure of all. The consideration of health is one to which too much attention cannot be given. Singing is beneficial, indirectly, by increasing the flow of spirits, and dispelling weariness and despondency; and directly by the exercise which it gives to the lungs and the vital organs. We cannot sing without increased action of the lungs, and this causes the heart and all the organs of digestion and nutrition, to act with renewed vigor. The singer brings a greater quantity of air into contact with the blood, and hence the blood is better purified and vitalized. Healthful and highly oxygenized blood gives energy to the brain, and thus the mind as well as the body shares the benefit of the exercise. There



s great enjoyment in listening to music. As Marx well expresses it: "That which I hear enters into my existence from without, awakens and enriches my mind; but that which I sing is the effluence of my own life, the exertion of my own power to refresh and elevate myself as well as others." Hence all should learn to sing, and children should be taught from their earliest years to sing properly and sweetly. There are parents who imagine that their children have not the power of song. To these I say, in the emphatic words of a teacher of thousands of children and adults, "Most adults and all children can learn to sing." The very same organs that are used in speech are used in song, and in almost precisely the same manner. Hence it

is obvious that all children who can be taught to talk can likewise be taught to sing. The extent of the ability attained, as a natural consequence, is dependent upon the application of the pupil and the methods of teaching used. And yet singing is almost pre-eminent in its universality, because it is independent of culture. The most ignorant bow to its all-embracing sway, and thousands to whom form and color, science and literature, speak a strange tongue, wake to the familiar accents of the universal language. Their love of it wants no nurture. We cannot prevent their singing, do what we will; and they are likely to feed their lower nature with music if we, as teachers and educators, do not aid them wisely to feed their higher.







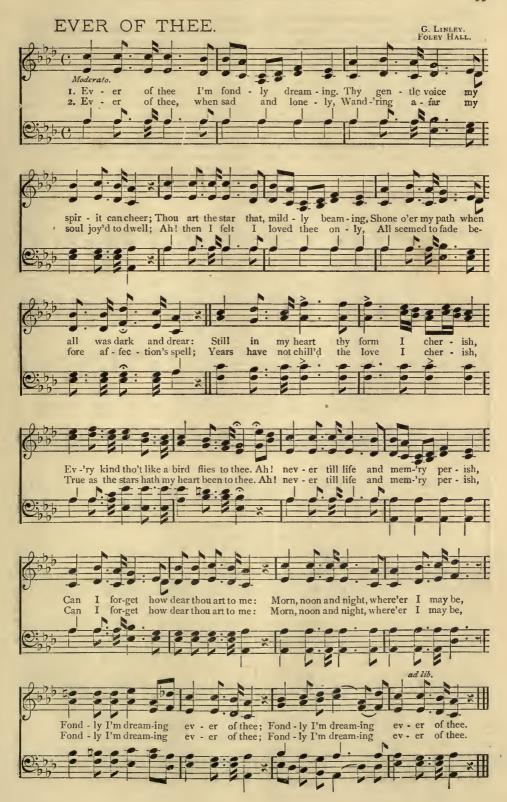
THE MOONLIGHT SONATA.—The Wide-Awake Magazine tells a pretty story of the way that Beethoven composed this beautiful piece of music. He was going by a small house one evening and heard some one playing his Symphony in F on the Piano. He stopped to listen, and heard a voice say: "What would I not give to hear that piece played by some one who could do it justice." The great composer opened the door and entered. "Pardon me," said Beethoven, somewhat embarrassed; "pardon me, but I heard music, and was tempted to enter. I am a musician!" The girl blushed, and the young man assumed a grave, almost severe manner. "I heard also some of your words," continued Beethoven. "You wish to hear, that is, you would like—in short,

would you like me to play to you?" There was something so strange, so comical in the whole affair, and something so agreeable and eccentric in Beethoven's manner, that we all involuntarily smiled. "Thank you," said the young shoemaker; "but our piano is bad, and then we have no music." "No music?" repeated Beethoven, "how, then, did mademoiselle—." He stopped and colored, for the young girl had just turned towards him, and by her sad, veiled eyes he saw that she was blind. "I entreat you to pardon me," stammered he: "but I did not remark at first. You play, then, from memory?" "Entirely!" "And where have you heard this music before?" "Never, excepting the music in the streets." She seemed frightened, so Beethoven did not



add another word, but seated himself at the instrument and began to play. He had not touched many notes when I guessed, says the narrator, who accompanied him, what would follow, and how sublime he would be that evening. I was not deceived. Never, during the many years I knew him, did I hear him play as on this occasion for the blind girl and her brother on that old dilapidated piano. At last the shoemaker rose, approached him, and said in a low voice: "Wonderful man, who are you then?" Beethoven raised his head, as if he had not comprehended. The young man repeated the question. The composer smiled as only he could smile. "Listen," said he; and he played the first movement in the F Symphony. A cry of joy escaped

from the lips of the brother and sister. They recognized the player and cried: "You are, then, Beethoven!" He rose to go, but they detained him. "Play for us once more, just once more," they said. He allowed himself to be led back to the instrument. The brilliant rays of the moon entered the curtainless windows and lighted up his broad, earnest, and expressive forehead. "I am going to improvise a sonata to the moonlight," he said, playfully. He contemplated for some moments the sky sparkling with stars; then his fingers rested on the piano, and he began to play in a low, sad, but wondrously sweet strain. The harmony issued from the instrument as sweet and even as the bright rays of the beauttful moonlight spread over the shadows on the ground.



ECHOES.—Try to imagine that you see the sound-waves spreading all around you, striking on your ears as they pass, then on the ears of those behind you, and on and on in widening globes till they reach the wall. What will happen when they get there? If the wall were thin, as a wooden partition is, they would shake it, and it again would shake the air on the other side, and so any one in the next room would have the sound of my voice brought to their ear. But something more will happen. In any case the sound-waves hitting against the wall will bound back from it just as a ball bounds back when thrown against any hard surface, and so another set of sound-waves reflected from the wall will come back across the room. If these waves come to your

ear so quickly that they mix with direct waves, they help to make the sound louder. For instance, if I say "Ha," you hear that sound louder in this room than you would in the open air, for the "Ha" from my mouth and a second "Ha" from the wall come to your ear so instantaneously that they make one sound. This is why you can often hear better at the far end of the church when you stand against a screen or a wall, than when you are halfway up the building nearer the speaker, because near the wall the reflected waves strike strongly on your ear and thus make the sound louder. Sometimes, when the sound comes from a great explosion, as of gunpowder or dynamite, these reflected waves are so strong that they are able to break glass. Now, suppose the



wall were so far behind you that the reflected sound-waves hit upon your ear only after those coming straight from me had died away; then you would hear the sound twice, "Ha" from me and "Ha" from the wall, and here you have an echo, "Ha, ha." For this to happen in ordinary air, you must be standing at least 56 feet away from the point from which the waves are reflected, as then the second blow will come one-tenth of a second after the first, and that is long enough for you to feel them separately. Miss Martineau tells a story of a dog that was terribly frightened by an echo. Thinking another dog was barking, he ran forward to meet him, and was very much astonished when, as he came nearer the wall, the echo ceased. I myself once knew a case of this kind, and my dog, when he

could find no enemy, ran back barking, till he was a certain distance off, and then the echo, of course, began again. He grew so furious at last that we had much difficulty in preventing him from flying at a strange man who happened to be passing at the time. Sometimes, in the mountains, walls of rock rise at some distance one behind another, and then each one will send back its echo a little later than the rock before it, so that the "Ha" which you give will come back as a peal of laughter. There is an echo in Woodstock Park which repeats the word twenty times. Again sometimes, as in the Alps, the sound-waves in coming back rebound from mountain to mountain and are driven backwards and forwards, becoming fainter and fainter till they die away. These echoes are very beautiful.—Buckley.



INFLUENCE OF MUSIC.—Man is as much a child of the beautiful as he is of wisdom or genius, Nature never drives us if she can avoid it; she prefers to allure us. She makes all things charming. She paints the fields and the woods that we may go to them, led by affection. She makes the face of youth beautiful, throws color ou the cheek, and makes the lines of smiles and laughter come and go, and she sends the soul into the eyes, that young years may build up everlasting frienship. Yielding to his Di-

vine Master's guidance, man follows the beautiful, and to the idea of home or temple or garden or city, he comes with both hands full of ornament. He claims for his house and his dress what God gives to the peach, or the leaf, or the rose. In this deep philosophy music comes as the decoration of a thought. Man submits his truths to several steps of this ennobling work. He found them in prose and he asks Milton or Dante, or Tennyson or Longfellow to frame them into poetry, but not yet satisfied



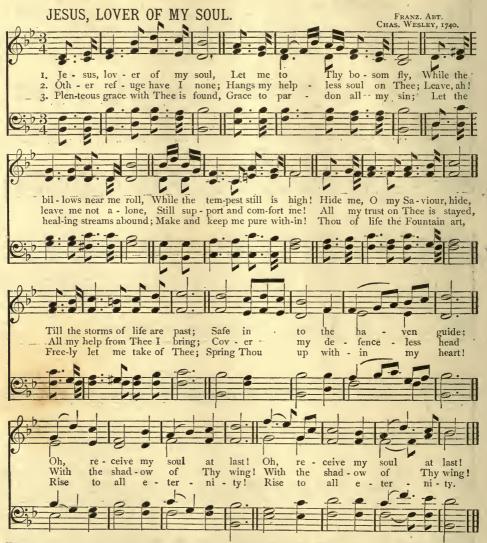
he takes the thought to the great musician and asks Mozart or Weber or Schubert to pour still more color on the blessed thought. It was not enough for the Greeks that some of their truth took the poetic form of the drama, it must also be sung on the stage, so that between the uplifted hands of both Poetry and Music all might see how sorrowful was Œdipus or how sweet Antigone. Thus all through its history, music has ever been the final decoration

of a sentiment. Poetry has done much when it has gathered up some of the pensive meditations of man when he draws near his long home and has called this rhythmical arrangement a poem. Even read to us, its flow of harmonious feet is impressive; but when Mozart goes further, and wreathes those words with his composition into a requiem, then is the cup of our realization full, and all the pomp and splendor of earth sink like the summer sun.—Swing.



HYMN TUNES.—The tunes which burden our modern books, in hundreds and thousands, utterly devoid of character, without meaning or substance, may be sung a hundred times, and not a person in the congregation will remember them. There is nothing to remember. They are the very emptiness of fluent noise, But let a true tune be sung, and every person of sensibility, every person of feeling, every child even, is aroused and touched. The melody clings to them. On the way home snatches of it will be heard on this side and on that; and when

the next Sabbath, the same song is heard, one and another of the people fall in, and the volume grows with each verse, until at length the song, breaking forth as a many-rilled stream from the hills, grows deeper and flows on, broad as a mighty river! Such tunes are never forgotten. They cling to us through our whole life. We carry them with us upon our journey. We sing them in the forest. The workman follows the plow with sacred songs. Children catch them, and singing only for the joy it gives them now, are yet laying up for all their life food of the

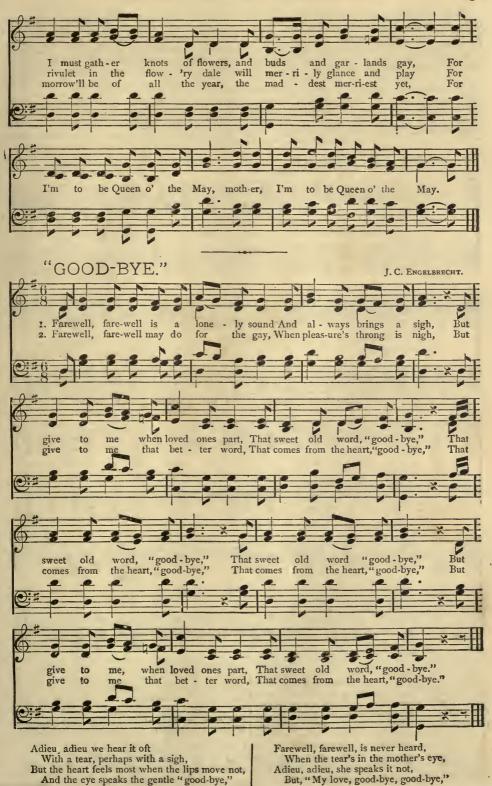


sweetest joy. Such tunes give new harmony and sweetness even to the hymns which float upon their current. And when some celestial hymn of Wesley or of the scarcely less than inspired Watts, is wafted upon such music, the soul is lifted up above all its ailments and rises into the very presence of God, with joys no longer unspeakable, though full of glory, In selecting music, we should not allow any fastidiousness of taste to set aside the lessons of experience. A tune which has always interested a congregation,

which inspires the young, and lends to enthusiasm a fit expression, ought not to be set aside because it does not follow the reigning fashion or conform to the whims of technical science. There is such a thing as Pharisaism in music. Tunes may be faulty in structure, and yet convey a full-hearted current that will sweep out of the way the worthless, heartless trash whose only merit is a literal correctness. When a tune has been found to do good work, it should be used for what it does and can do.—H. W. Beecher.







HYMN WRITERS.—We have sought for hymns in the books of every denomination of Christians. There are certain hymns of the sacrifice of Christ, of utter and almost soul-dissolving yearning for the benefits of His mediation, which none could write so well as a devout Roman Catholic. Some of the most touching and truly evangelical hymns in the Plymouth Collection we have gathered from this source. We have obtained many exquisite hymns from the Moravian collections, developing the most tender and loving views of Christ, of His personal presence, and gentle companionship. We know of no hymn-writers that

equal their faith and fervor for Christ as present with his people. Nor can any one conversant with these fail to recognize the fountain in which the incomparable Charles Wesley was baptized. His hymns are only Moravian hymns re-sung. Not alone are the favorite expressions used and the epithets which they loved, but, like them, he beholds all Christian truths through the medium of confiding love. The lovelement of this school has never been surpassed. To say that we have sought for hymns expressing the deepest religious feeling, and particularly the sentiments of love, and trust, and divine courage, and



hopefulness, is only to say that we have drawn largely from the best Methodist hymns. The contributions of the Wesleys to hymnology have been so rich as to leave the Christian world under an obligation which cannot be paid as long as there is a struggling Christian brotherhood to sing and be comforted amid the trials of this world. Charles Wesley was peculiarly happy in making the Scriptures illustrate Christian experience, and personal experience throw light upon the deep places of the Bible. Some of his effusions have never been surpassed. Nor are there any hymns that could more nobly express the whole eestay

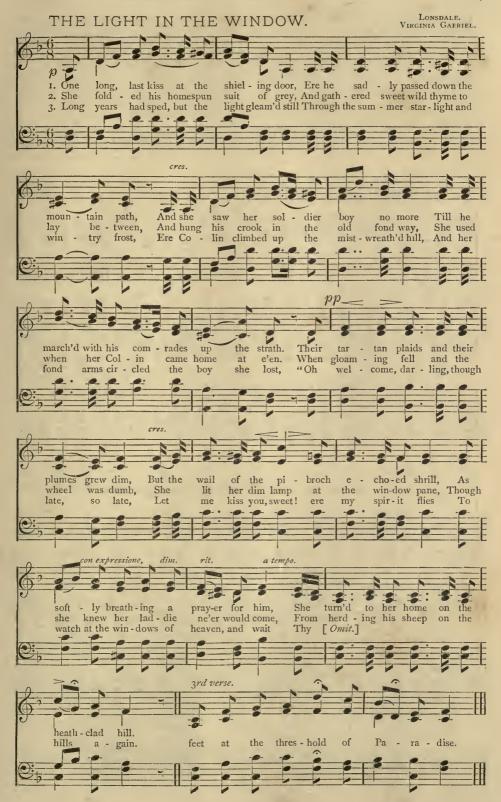
of the apostolic writings in view of death and heaven. Cowper, Stennet, Newton, Doddridge, and many other familiar authors, will be found in every collection that aspires to usefulness. With whatever partiality to Dr. Watts we may have begun our work, a comparison of his psalms and hymns with the best effusions of the best hymn-writers has only served to increase our admiration, and our conviction that he stands above all other English writers. Nor do we believe any other man, in any department, has contributed so great a share of enjoyment, edification, and inspiration to struggling Christians as Dr. Watts.—H. W. Beecher.



A HYMN is a lyrical discourse to the feelings. It should either excite or express feeling. The recitation of historical facts, descriptions of scenery, narrations of events, meditations, all may tend to inspire feeling. Hymns are not to be excluded, therefore, because they are deficient in lyrical form, or in feeling, if experience shows that they have power to excite pious emotions. Not many of Newton's hymns can be called poetical; yet there are few hymns in the English language that are more useful. Scarcely any two ministers would agree in the selection of hymns. A collection should be made so large and various that every one may find in it that which he needs. Neither should one complain of the multitude of hymns useless to him. They are not useless to others. A generously spread table is not at fault because, in the profusion, each guest cannot use everything. Every one should have all the liberty and the means of following his own taste. Hymn-books have often been so fastidiously made, as not only to exclude many hymns, as extravagant, that were not half so extravagant as are the Psalms of David, and as is all true and deep feeling which gives itself full expression; but also those retained have been abused by corrections, so called, and tamed down from their noble fervor and careless freedom, into flat and profitless propriety. No language can well replace that which the original inspiration of the author suggested.—H. W. Beecher.

ONE evening, I found Felix Mendelssohn deep in the Bible, "Listen," he said, and then he read to me, in a gentle and agitated voice, the passage from the First Book of Kings, beginning with the words, "And behold the Lord passed by." "Would not that be splendid for an oratorio?" he exclaimed; and it did become part of his work, the Elijah.—Hiller.



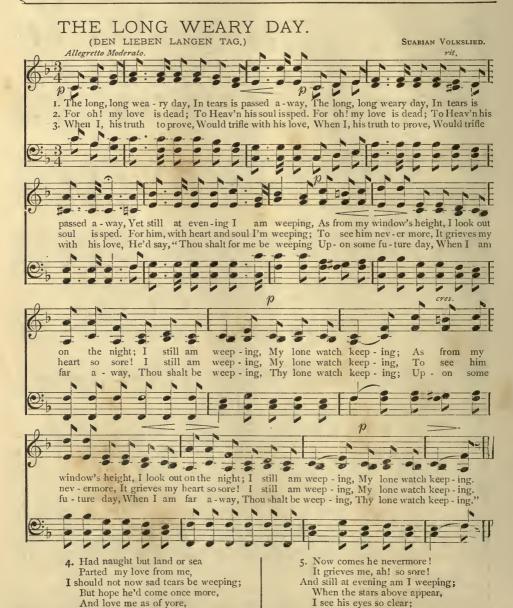


The influence of music upon a pure mind cannot be understood in this life, much less expressed. The teacher who introduces music into the school as a regular exercise, will have better discipline and will himself be better. It quickens thought in the students and relieves the monotony of routine, Teach the student to read by note, if possible. If you have no books, use the fingers for notes. Take a given pitch—as C, as a standard. Tell your pupils that to sing they must put into action a vocal reed organ, with lungs as bellows, the wind-pipe as pipe, vocal chords as reeds, tongue as the bridge, the roof of the mouth as sounding board. Ask them to define a tone, allowing them to express

their own ideas. Illustrate by means of a piece of rubber stretched and vibrated; thus teach them that sound is vibration collected and reflected from anything that produces sound. Illustrate lines, spaces, rests, and so on through the fundamental principles. Inform yourselves thoroughly here. Be not like soldiers on a long march with rations for only a few days. Be true to your calling. It is said that Michael Angelo, while at his work, wore fastened to the forepiece of his artist's cap a lighted candle that no shadow of himself might fall upon his work. This custom spoke a more eloquent lesson than he knew, How often the shadows fall upon our work—falling from ourselves!—Russel,

My lone watch keeping,

I still am weeping.



And say, "Cease weeping,

Thy lone watch keeping,'



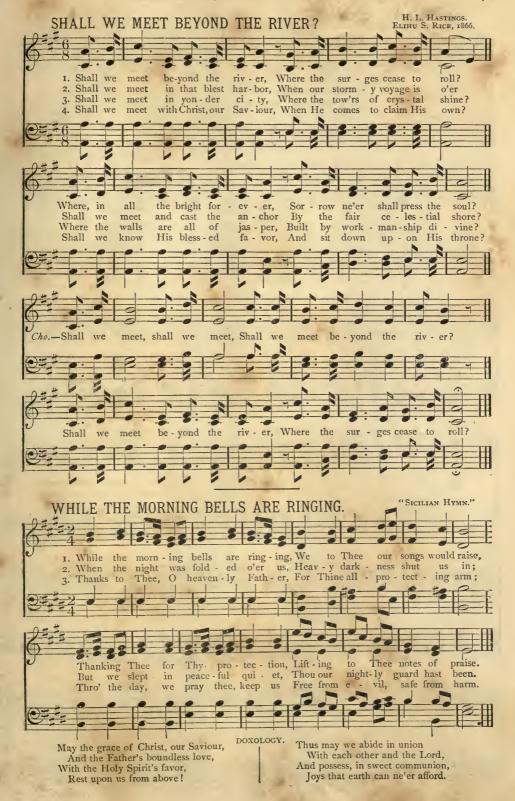
GRADUALLY, in Italy, singing became an art. What we mean by singing when we speak of it as a source of pleasure of the higher kind, is really an Italian art, which has been diffused over the civilized world; and the Italian school of singing is still the great school.—others, in so far as they differ from that school, being inferior. The first distinctive characteristic of the Italian school of singing is the delivery of the voice, the mode of uttering a single note. Italians generally (for singing in this way has be-

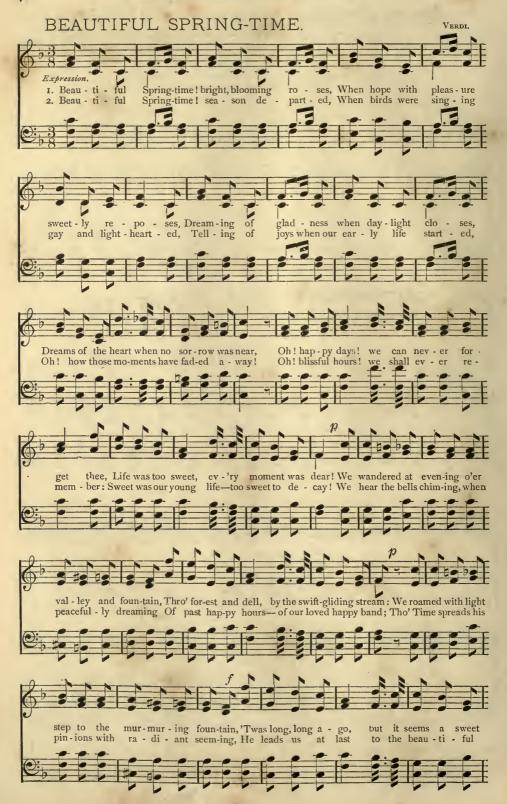
come a second nature to the whole people) use their voices in quite a different way from the generality of other people. They unturally utter their notes with a purity and a freedom rarely heard from untaught persons of other races. This delivery of the voice is the foundation of their excellence as singers. Indeed, it may almost be said to constitute that excellence; for not only is there no great singing without it, but the chief end of Italian vocal discipline is to attain execution united with this free vocal utterance.



There are singers who have voices of remarkable power, range and flexibility, who can never be great because, either by nature or from bad and ineradicable habit, they cannot attain this pure and free delivery of the voice. Their tone is guttural, or it is nasal, or it is rough, or it is unsteady, or something else; it may be merely constrained; in any case, the fault is more or less destructive. There may be great singing without great power, without remarkable flexibility, without the ability to execute a roulade or

trill; but there can be no singing really great without this free, pure delivery of the voice. A singer who can go through the whole range of his voice, from low to high, swelling out the tone and diminishing it with the vowel sound of broad a (ah,) preserving that sound pure, and uniting with it perfect intonation through crescendo and diminuendo, has conquered much more than half the difficulties of the art of vocalization. All the rest, almost without exception, are mere "limbs and outward flourishes."







Thro' the Dark Ages music was kept alive mainly by tradition. In the churches its religious element preserved it, while the minne-singers and troubadours, singing of rare knightly deeds, made it an essential accomplishment for those who sought welcome in courts and palaces. Yet to the meister-singers rather than the minne-singers do we owe that which was best worth preserving, the popular element in music, since a language, an art, a religion, to live, mushave its abiding-place, its shrine, among the homes and in the hearts of the people. The guilds of the meister-singers were established in the chief cities of

Germany, Nuremberg the chief, and chiefest in Nuremberg was Hans Sachs, the shoe-maker, whose name is famous the world over, even without Herr Wagner's opera of *Die Meistersinger*. Those who have seen Kaulbach's cartoon of the "Era of the Reformation" will recall with pleasure the strong, earnest face of the musical cobbler, with whom Luther himself must share some of his glory. The resistless weight and influence of these guilds came from their genuiue democracy. Numbering neither knights nor nobles in their ranks, but recruited from the burghers, tradesmen, craftsmen, and plain citizens, they brought com-



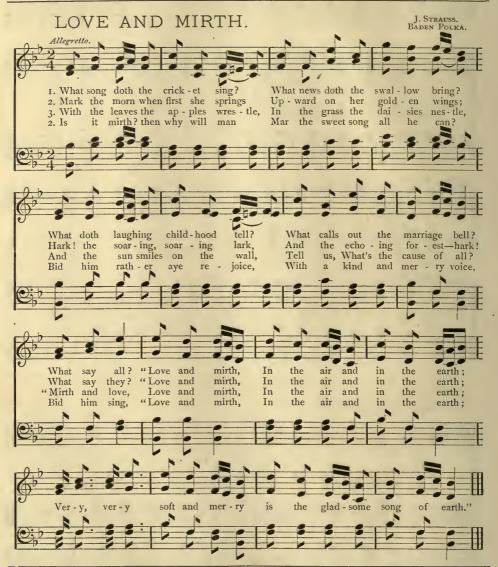
mon-sense in close contact with learning; they sang at the workshop and the forge, at the cobbler's bench and at the loom. Not alone in church, but at home and abroad, music was a bond of union, interwoven with their religious aspirations; it was also their recreation, with a good share of hard, earnest work and careful training, in obedience to strict rules and regulations, under skillful leaders, to make their music possible. It was these meistersingers which made Germany a musical people, ready for Luther's hymns, to which, indeed, music gave wings, doing more than

even the great reformer's preaching for the spread of Gospel truth: so simple and effective are some of the great agents of God. Music had at last become the people's possession; not alone a source of enjoyment and gratification to the refined and cultivated, but a mighty means for a mighty end, for the civilization and improvement of all classes—a leaven wherewith to leaven and lift the whole world. From the hour that music ceased to be the exclusive possession of musicians, like religion when it passed from the hands of monks and priests, its power became infinite.—Gray.



MEMORY BELLS.—On the fifth day of my journey across the Syrian desert the air above lay dead, and all the whole earth that I could reach with my utmost sight and keenest listening was still and lifeless as some dispeopled and forgotten world that rolls round and round in the heavens through wasted floods of light. The sun, growing fiercer, shone down more mightily now than ever on me he shone before, and as I drooped my head under his fire and, closing my eyes against the glare that surrounded me, slowly fell asleep, for how

many minutes or moments, I cannot tell, but after awhile I was gently awakened by a peal of church bells—my native bells—the innocent bells of Marlen, that never before sent forth their music beyond the Blaygon hills! My first idea naturally was, that I still remained fast under the power of a dream. I roused myself, and drew aside the silk that covered my eyes, and plunged my bare face into the light. Then at least I was well enough wakened, but still those old Marlen bells rang on, not ringing for joy, but properly,



prosily, steadily, merrily ringing for "church." After a while the sound died away slowly; it happened that neither I nor any of my party had a watch by which to measure the exact time of its lasting, but it seemed to me that about ten minutes had passed before the bells ceased. I attributed the effect to the great heat of the sun, the perfect dryness of the clear air through which I moved, and the deep stillness of all around me; it seemed to me that these causes, by occasioning

a great tension, and consequent susceptibility of the hearing organs, had rendered them liable to tingle under the passing touch of some mere memory, that must have swept across my brain in a moment of sleep. Since my return to England, it has been told me that like sounds have been heard at sea, and that a sailor becalmed under a vertical sun, in the midst of the wide ocean, has listened in trembling wonder to the chime of his own village bells—Kinglake's Eothen.



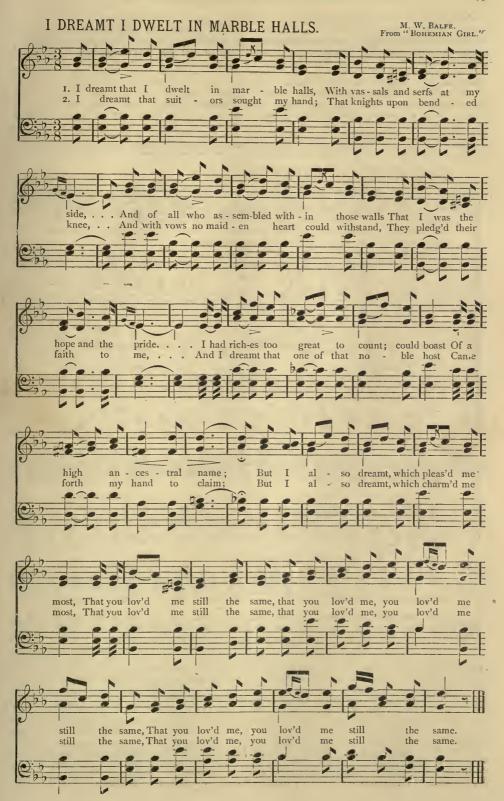
Spring and Summer glide away, Autumn comes with tresses gay; Winter, hand in hand with Spring, Dancing in a fairy ring. Faster! faster! round we go, While our cheeks like roses glow; Free as birds upon the wing, Dancing in a fairy ring.

THE HUMAN EAR .- How do the vibrations of the air speak to your brain? First, I want you to notice how beautifully the outside shell of the ear, or concha, as it is called, is curved so that any movement of the air coming to it from the front is caught in it and at once reflected into the opening of the ear. When the air-waves from any quarter have passed in at the opening of your ear, they move all the air in the passage which is called the auditory, or hearing, canal. This canal is lined with little hairs to keep out insects and dust, and the wax which collects in it serves the same purpose. But if too much wax collects, it prevents the air from playing well upon the drum, and therefore makes you deaf. Across the end of this canal a membrane, partly called the tympanum, is stretched, like the parchment over the head of a drum, and it is this membrane which moves to and fro as the air-waves strike on it. A violent blow on the ear will sometimes break this delicate membrane, or injure it, and therefore it is very wrong to hit a person violently on the ear. On the other side of this membrane, *inside* the ear, there is air, which fills the whole of the inner chamber and the tube which runs down into the throat. Now, as the drum of the ear is driven to and fro by the soundwaves, it naturally moves the air in the cavity behind it, and also sets in motion here three most curious little bones. The first of these bones is fastened to the middle of the drumhead so that it moves to and fro every time this membrane quivers. The head of this bone fits into a hole in the next bone, the anvil, and is fastened to it by muscles, so as to drag it along with it; but, the muscles being elastic, it can draw back a little from the anvil, and thus give it a blow each time it comes back. This anvil is, in its turn, very firmly fixed to the little bone shaped like a



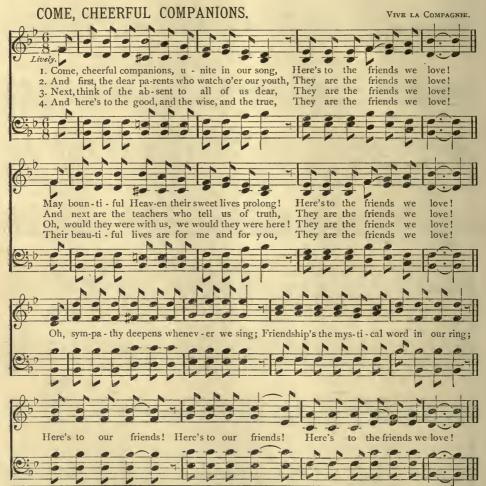
stirrup at the end of the chain. This stirrup rests upon a curious body, which looks like a snail-shell with tubes coming out of it. This body, which is called the labyrinth, is made of bone, but it has two little windows in it, one covered only by a membrane, while the other has the head of the stirrup resting upon it. Now you will readily understand that when the air in the auditory canal shakes the drumhead to and fro, this membrane must drag the hammer, the anvil, and the stirrup. Each time the drum goes in, the hammer will hit the anvil, and drive the stirrup against the little window; every time it goes out it will draw the hammer, the anvil, and the stirrup out again, ready for another blow. Thus the stirrup is always playing upon this little window. Meanwhile, inside the bony labyrinth there is a fluid like water, and along the little passages are very fine hairs, which wave to and fro like

reeds; and whenever the stirrup hits at the little window, the fluid moves these hairs to and fro, and they irritate the ends of a nerve, and this nerve carries the message to the brain. There are also some curious little stones called otoliths, lying in some parts of this fluid, and they, by their rolling to and fro, probably keep up the motion and prolong the sound. You must not imagine we have explained here the many intricacies which occur in the ear. We can only hope to give you a faint idea of it, so that you may picture to yourselves the air-waves moving backwards and forward in the canal of your ear, then the tympanum vibrating to and fro. the hammer hitting the anvil, the stirrup knocking at the little window, the fluid waving the fine hairs and rolling the tiny stones, the end of the nerve quivering, and then in some marvelous way (how we know not) the brain hearing the message.—Buckley.



The following tribute to the memory of the late Matthew Arbuckle, whose magic cornet made his name a household word with millions, will doubtless waken a responsive echo in the heart of every one who was privileged to know that brilliant artist and kindly, courteous gentleman: "Half-a-dozen years ago," writes a lady, one of his pupils, "an old cornet hung upon the wall of my home, and it somehow happened that I tried it 'to see how it would go.' By a little persistence I got a tone, and finally became fascinated with the noise I could produce, and, working away as much as the neighborhood would endure without complaints to the police, I got some mastery.

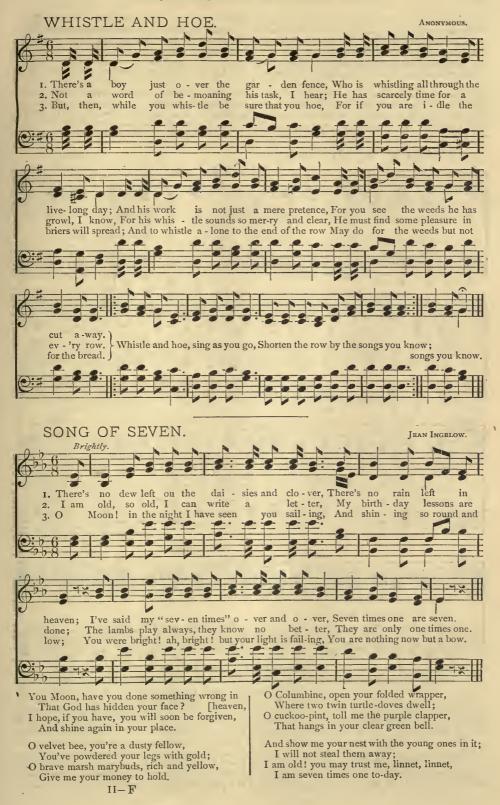
The performance was horrible, of course, but one April day I appeared at Mr. Arbuckle's door in New York, a petitioner for lessons. I remember how kindly he received me; how he gave me courage at once by commending my poor attempt at 'Robin Adair,' so that he could know what I could do and where to begin with me. I remember the next three months of his helpfulness, his patience, his encouragement, his hopefulness; how he put no limit to the 'hour's lesson' we had bargained for, and often entertained and helped me a whole afternoon, sometimes taking his cornet, and, forgetting all the world else, giving me his wonderful rendering of delightful airs and ballads. I re-



member, too, his comical running to the corner of the room and hiding his face when I had my lesson poorly, and how he would look over his shoulder laughing at me and shouting: 'Try it again,' and when the work was done to his satisfaction, how proud and glad and happy he seemed. He was every inch a gentleman; in every fibre a musician. He gave me music arranged by his own hand; he selected and tested a cornet for me, and all the 'crooks' and 'mutes' and mouthpieces, and every other appliance of a cornetist's outfit, and there was nothing he could do, by instruction and advice, that he left undone. A country girl of fourteen, alone in the great city so far as kindred were concerned,

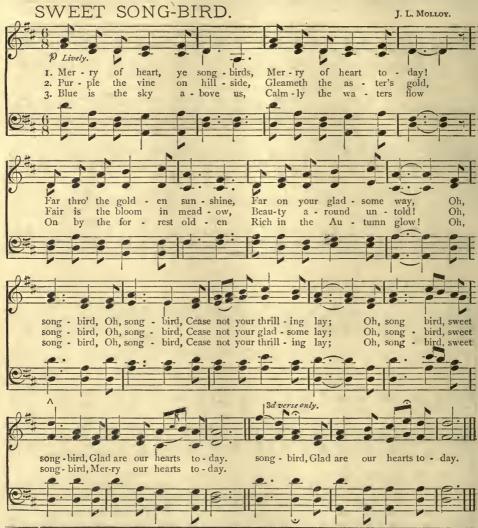
he bade me welcome to his home. His wife was almost a mother to me, his daughter a friend indeed. I want to say how good he was, how true to his art, how kind, sweet-tempered, big-hearted—a noble man in every thing.

CHRISTOPHER NORTH, a lover of nature, never said atruer or a wiserthing than this, in his Soliloquy on the Scasons: "Turn from the oracles of man, still dim even in their clearest response—to the oracles of God, which are never dark. Bury all your books when you feel the night of skepticism gathering around you; bury them all, powerful though you may have deemed their spell to illuminate the unfathomable; open your Bible, and all the spiritual world will be as bright as the day."



Acquaintance with Paganini.—One of Ole Bull's father's assistants played the flute, and used to receive musical catalogues from Copenhagen. Ole devoured the names, and for the first time saw that of Paganini in connection with his famous twenty-four "Caprices." One evening his father brought home two Italians, the first Ole had ever seen. He was then fourteen years of age, and their talk was a revelation to him. They told him all they knew of Paganini, the very mention of whose name excited him. He afterwards related the story to a friend

thus: "I went to my sympathizer and said, 'Dear grandmother, can't I have some of Paganini's music?' 'Don't tell any one,' said the dear old woman, 'but I will try to buy a piece of his for you if you are a good child;' and she did try, and I was wild when I at last had the Paganini music. How difficult it was, but oh, how beautiful! The garden-house was more than ever my refuge, and perhaps the cats, who were my only listeners, were not so frightened at my attempts as at my earlier efforts to play Fiorillo's 'Studies,' when I really drove them from their food.



On a Tuesday quartet evening, a favorite concerto of Sphor's lay on the leader's stand, and while the company were at supper I tried the score. Carried away with the music, I forgot myself, and was discovered by Lundholm on his return, and scolded for my presumption. 'What impudence! Perhaps you think you could play this at sight, boy!' 'Yes, I think I could.' And as I thought so, I don't know why I should not have said so, do you? The rest of the company had now joined us, and insisted that I should try it. I played the allegro. All ap-

plauded save the leader, who looked angry. 'You think you can play anything, then?' he asked, and taking a caprice of Paganini's from the stand, he said: 'Try this.' Now it happened that this very caprice was my favorite, as the cats well knew. I could play it by heart, and I polished it off. When I had finished they all shouted, and, instead of raving, as I thought he would, Lundholm was more polite and kind than he had ever been before, and told me that with very diligent practice I might hope to equal himself some day."—Ole Bull, a Memoir

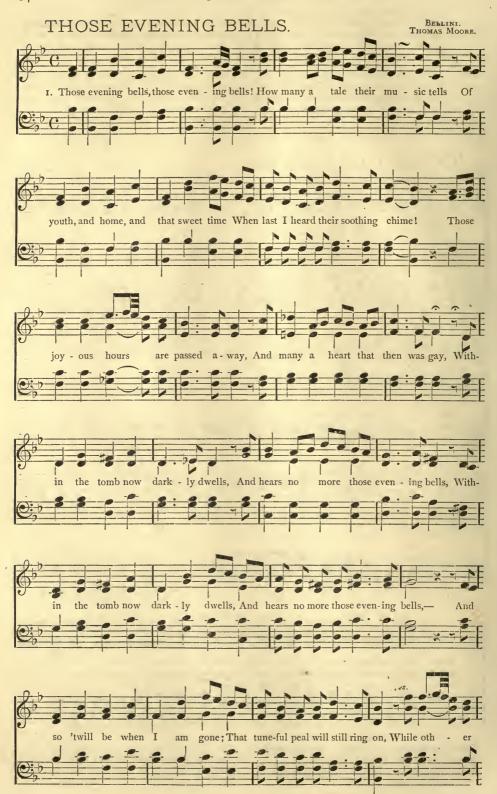
CONGREGATIONAL singing will never become at all general or permanent until the churches employ tunes which have melodies that cliug to the memory and touch the feelings or the imagination. Music is not simply a vehicle for carrying a hymn. It is something in itself. No tune is fit to be sung to a hymn which would not be pleasant, in itself, without any words. Any other view of the function of music, if it shall prevail, will in the end bring music to such a tame and tasteless state that a reaction will be inevitable, and the public mind will go to the op-

posite extreme. Thus, those who are conscientiously anxious to make music a means of religious feeling, will, by an injudicious method, produce by and by the very mischief which they sought to cure. A corruption of hymns will not be more fatal to public worship than will be a corruption of music. And any theory that denies to church music a power upon the imagination and the feelings, as music, and makes it a mere servile attendant upon words, will carry certain mischief upon its path, and put back indefinitely the cause of church music.—Beecher.



When the Alpine vales with the shout resound, Mid the chime of bells and songs around Comes the shepherd lad, all his kine at home, To his dearest maid, no more to roam.—Cho.

Wenn im Thal der Alp die Schal mei ertönt, Unter Glockenklang und heiterm Lied, Kommt der Hirtenbub' mit den Küh'n daheim Abends zu der allerliebsten Maid.—Cho.





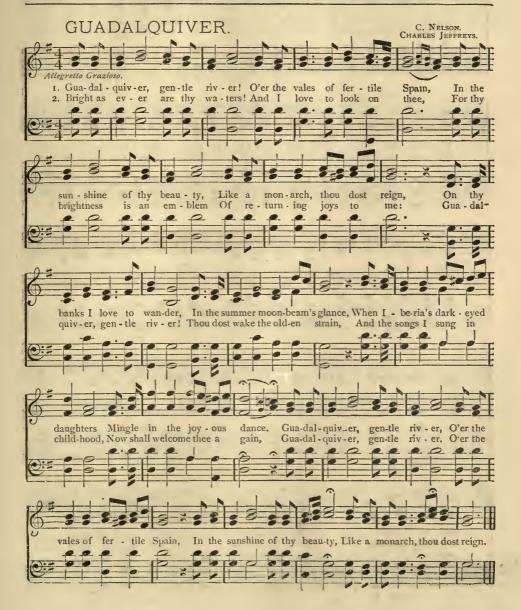
LUTHER, to a certain extent, attempted to imitate the work of King David; and, as the latter used the ancient Egyptian music as a groundwork of his system, so Luther sought out and endeavored to preserve all that seemed to him beautiful in the Catholic service. He was especially anxious that the Evangelical Church should not seem to be the foe of any of the fine arts, but should use and foster them. He says, "I rejoice to let the seventy-ninth Psalm, 'O God, the heathen are come,' be sung as heretofore by one choir after another, just as it was in the Popish fasts, for it sounds and looks very devotional." Speaking of his desire to make thorough reforms in the music of the people, he writes to a friend, "I wish after the example of the prophets and ancient fathers of the Church, to make German Psalms for the people—that is to say, sacred hymns—so that the

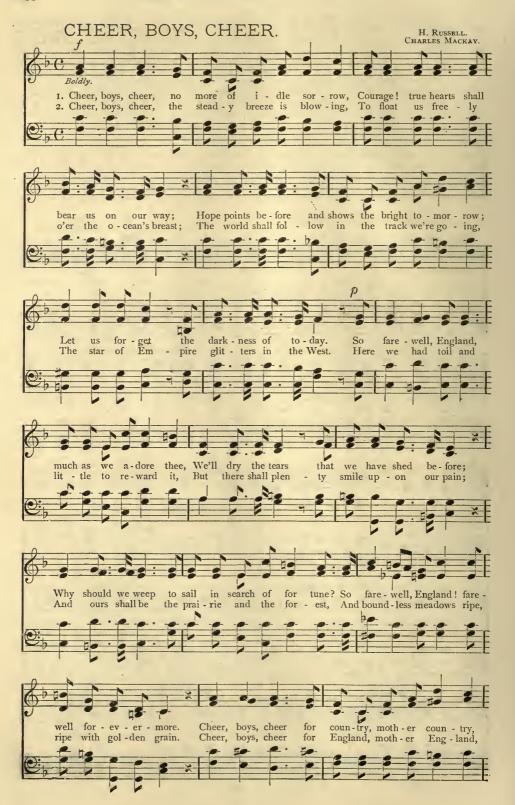
Word of God may dwell among the people by means of song also." It was in this year that the first hymnal, spoken of above, was issued. Its title reads, "Some Christian Songs of Praise and Psalms, made from the pure Word of God, from the holy Scriptures, by several highly learned men, to be sung in the Church, as is already partially the practice in Wittenberg, 1524." The success of these hymns was immediate, and from this time there began a composition, arrangement, and adaptation of chorals which remains unparalleled for fertility and activity. Every pastor seemed to think it part of his duty to arrange or compose at least one hymn to the glory of God, and many gave forth whole collections. Thousands were published even in the early days of the Reformation, and to-day each principality and almost each city has its special collection of psalms and of chorals.—Elson.



THE natural history of music is full of wonders. It is as if the Giver of all good gifts had presided over the creation of this with especial love and tenderness, fencing it round with every possible natural security for its safe development, and planting it among those instincts we have least power to pervert. The sense of time, which is music's first law, is alone a marvelous guarantee. It is the first condition of musical being—a natural regularity, which we can only bear to hear transgressed from the pleasurable surprise in which the mind is kept for its return. But the true timist is time all over; see the orchestra conductor, with his little wand, by which he may communicate to hundreds of performers the electric flow of true musical measure, and by which the evanescent vibrations of sound seem knit together for action. And then the readiness with which the

memory lends itself to the service of music, is a very marked phenomenon peculiar to this faculty. What a paradox it is, that what the mind receives with most passiveness, it retains with most fidelity-laying up choicest things in musical thought or expression, to be ready at any moment for spontaneous reproduction? For not even the exertion of our will is requisite-a thought, nay, the slightest breath of a hint, is sufficient to set the exquisitely sensitive strings of musical memory vibrating, and the emotions that have lain buried for years will come back with a melody. Pictures, poetry, loves, hatreds, and promises of course, are all more fleeting than tunes. There is no such pitiless invoker of the ghosts of the past as one bar of a melody that has been connected with them. No such sigh or sob escapes from the heart, as that in the train of some musical reminiscence.







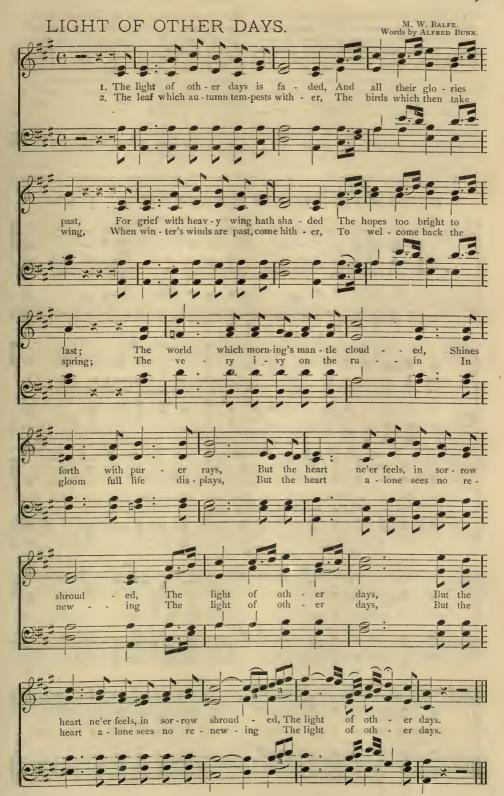
How true was the conception of the influence which the "harmony of sweet sounds" exerts over the soul, in the mind of him who said, "I would rather write a nation's ballads than make its laws." How different the law-giver's place in the estimation of the people from that of the bard. To the one they accord reverential respect; to the other a true heart-affection and love, handed down, undiminished by the lapse of centuries, from generation to generation. The one lives in his laws, but what power lave they over the heart so long as they allow it to

beat freely? The other lives in his songs, and they can cause the heart to beat and throb, and the soul to move and surge like the restless waves of the sea. There are few of us whose hearts have not been swayed by the power of national music—stirred by those grand anthems of liberty, the "Star Spangled Banner," and "Hail Columbia,"—few who have not, at some time, noted its effect upon others—the ecstatic rapture of the Frenchman thrilled by the inspiring notes of the "Marseillaise;" the deeper, sterner, joyous pride that wells up in the heart of the German as



he hears the loved "Wacht am Rhein;" the patriotism which fills the heart of the Highlander as he listens to the well-known "Scots, wha hae wi' Wallace bled." But the influence of music over individuals is still stronger, sweeter, holier. How the heart bowed down with crushing sorrow is comforted and soothed by its holy charm! How, after long wanderings from the innocent paths of youth, the weary, sin-sick soul is recalled to the life of truth by hearing some well-remembered strain—perhaps once sung by a dear

angel mother in days gone by. In after-life, when youth's pleasures and hopes have given place to age's cares and disappointments, how remembrances of the past are brought back, like bright pictures, by snatches of songs sung in those gay hours of long ago. Then blessed be music, with all its power of witchery and enchantment! Blessed be its holy mission of carrying us away from the bare, discouraging, realities of our lives back to the pleasure-fields of the past, or forward in anticipation to the glad joys of the future.

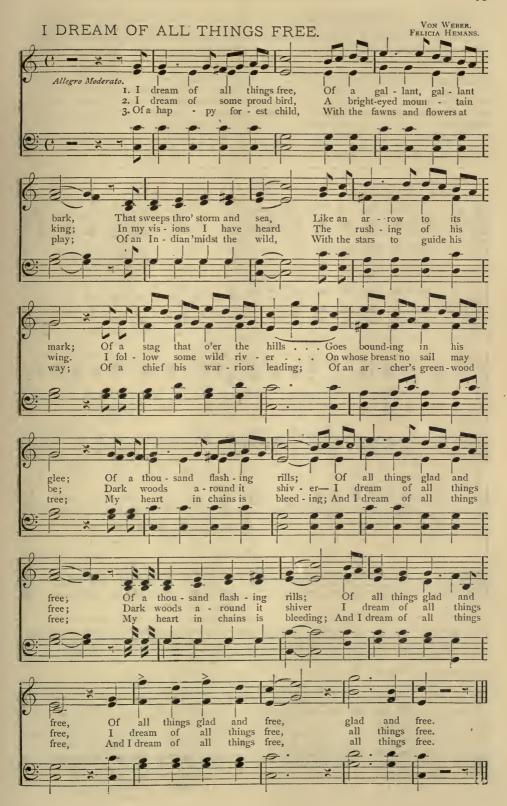


In 1827, Beethoven was dying. He had heard with surprise that Schubert had composed more than five hundred songs, and spent some of his last hours in reading them (the only way in which they could reach him) over and over, exclaiming, "I too should have set this music." Schubert came with one of the brothers Huttenbrenner, to inquire for the master. Beethoven was lying almost insensible; but as they approached the bed, he appeared to rally for a moment, looked fixedly at them and muttered something unintelligible. Schubert stood gazing at him for some moments in silence and then, suddenly bursting into tears, left the room. On the day of the funeral Schubert and two of his friends were sitting together in a tavern, and, after the German fashion,

they drank to the soul of the great man whom they had so lately borne to the tomb. It was then proposed to drink to that one of them who should be the first to follow the great departed, and hastily filling the cup, Schubert drank to himself.—Haweis.

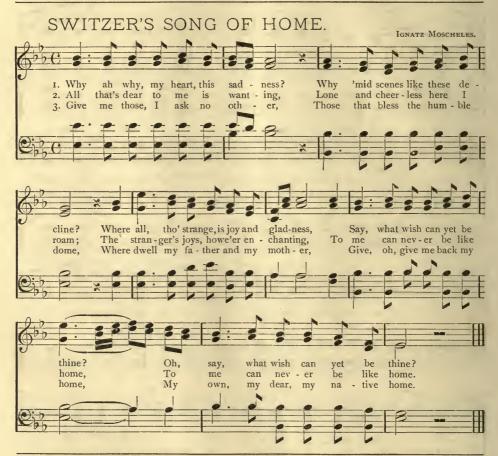
THE nature of music is three-fold, like that of a man to whom it appeals. Therefore it may be regarded as a sensuous art, in that it delights the ear; as a psychologic art, in that it records the emotions, and requires mental operations on the part of the hearer for its due appreciation; and, as it involves agreements, differences, symmetries, complexities, with other marked qualities, among them order in apparent disorder, it may be regarded as a branch of science that is closely allied to mathematics.





"CHEER thee, my Nymphalin," said the prince of the fairies, "we will lay the tempest;" and he waved his sword and muttered the charms which curb the winds and roll back the marching thunder; but for once the tempest ceased not at his spells; and now, as the fairies sped along the troubled air, a pale and beautiful form met them by the way, and they paused and trembled. For the power of that Shape could vanquish even them. It was the form of a Female, with golden hair, crowned with a chaplet of withered leaves; her bosom, of an exceeding beauty, lay bare to the wind, and an infant was clasped upon it, hushed into a sleep so still that neither the roar of the thunder, nor the livid lightning flashing from cloud

to cloud, could even ruffle, much less arouse, the slumberer. And the face of the Female was unutterably calm and sweet (though with a something of severe); there was no line or wrinkle in her hueless brow; care never wrote its defacing characters upon that everlasting beauty. It knew no sorrow or change; ghost-like and shadowy floated on that Shape through the abyss of Time, governing the world with an unquestioned and noiseless sway. And the children of the green solitudes of the earth, the lovely fairies of my tale, shuddered as they gazed and recognized—the form of Death. "And why," said the beautiful Shape, with a voice as soft as the last sighs of a dying babe; "why trouble ye the air with spells? mine



is the hour and the empire, and the storm is the creature of my power. Far yonder to the west it sweeps over the sea, and the sea ceases to vex the waves; it smites the forest, and the destined tree, torn from its roots, feels the winter strip the gladness from its boughs no more! The roar of the elements is the herald of eternal stillness to their victims; and they who hear the progress of my power idly shudder at the coming of peace. And thou, O tender daughter of the fairy king! why grievest thou at a mortal's dooin? Knowest thou not that sorrow cometh with years, and that to live is to mourn? Blessed is the flower that, nipped in its early spring, feels not the blasts that, one by one, scatter its blossoms around it, and leave but the barren stem. Blessed are the voung

whom I clasp to my breast, and lull into the sleep which the storm cannot break, nor the morrow arouse to sorrow or to toil. The heart that is stilled in the bloom of its first emotions,—that turns with its last throb to the eye of love, as yet unlearned in the possibility of change,—has exhausted already the wine of life, and is saved only from the lees. As the mother soothes to sleep the wail of her troubled child, I open my arms to the vexed spirit, and my bosom cradles the unquiet to repose!"—The fairies answered not, for a chill and a fear lay over them, and the Shape glided on; ever as it passed away through the veiling clouds they heard its low voice singing amidst the roar of the storm, as the dirge of the water-sprite over the vessel it hath lured into the whirlpool or the shoals.—Bulwer.

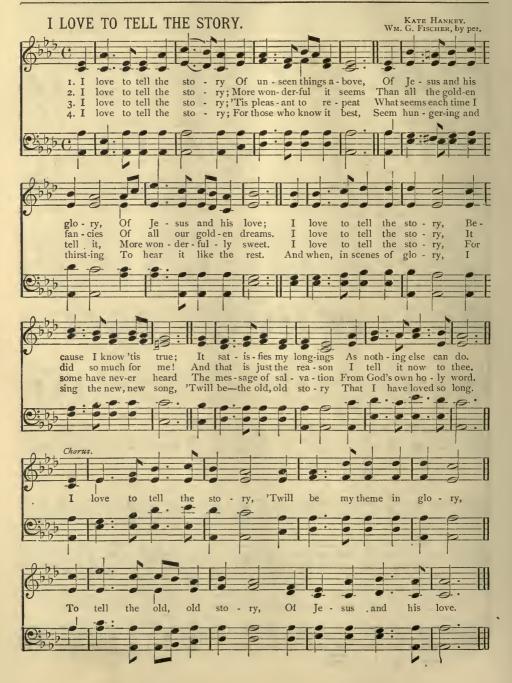
BEETHOVEN'S forte was extempore playing, which must have been extraordinary from what is said of its effects; but he was entirely destitute of the coolness and self-possession necessary for the accurate rendering of written music, and probably his published works have been played by others with much more effect than he usually gave them himself. It was the same with his conducting of the orchestra, in which even before his deafness, he often confused the players rather than assisted them. One story is told which conveys some idea of his want of presence of mind under such circumstances. He was in the habit, when conducting, of expressing a loud passage by throwing his arms up, or out, at full stretch.

When playing one of his own concertos, during a long passage for the band where the piano was silent, he forgot his position, and fancying he was conducting, threw his arms out at a certain loud chord, and knocked both candles off the piano, and when they were picked up and the passage repeated, by the time the same chord recurred he had forgotten the accident and did the same again. The audience, with all their respect for him, were, naturally enough, convulsed with laughter, which so irritated him that at the next solo he broke several strings of the piano. When to this nervous excitability was added his lamentable affliction, deafness, it is no wonder that at last his friends persuaded him to relinquish the task.



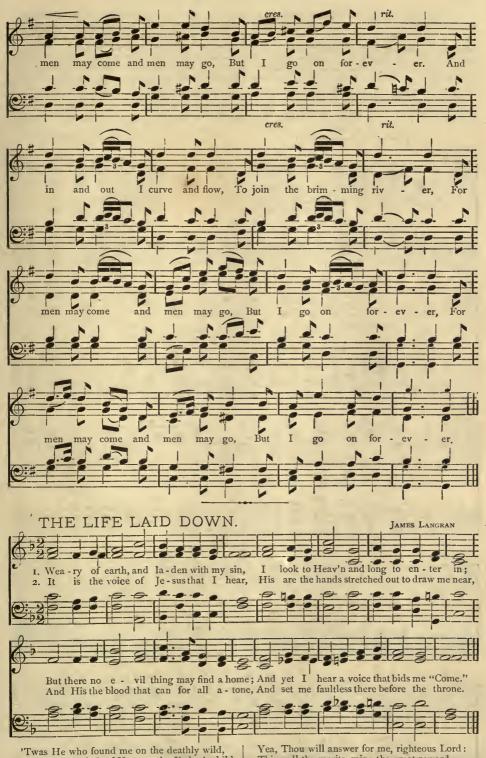
MANY a turbulent outbreak among little folks has been quelled by starting a bright, merry chorus, whose joyous rhythm proves a safe outlet for that restlessness which, rather than depravity, is the cause of nine-tenths of childhood's misdemeanors. Nor are we children of a larger growth less amenable to the power of united song in bringing harmony out of discord, and rest and refreshment to wearied body and disheartened soul. "When the battle of Leuthen had been fought, and the victors, fatigued almost to death, were sinking down in the chilling

rain among the slain that lay scattered on the bloody field, then, in the darkness of the night, a single voice broke forth with the old choral, 'Nun danket alle Gott!' Soon a second voice joined, then a third, and so more and more, until the whole army took up the hymn; and thus the simple song—in which the feeling of patriotism and military glory, united with the consciousness of a great deed accomplished and opious gratitude toward the mighty Ruler of Battles—inspired their hearts with new life, and strengthened them to follow up the victory so nobly won."



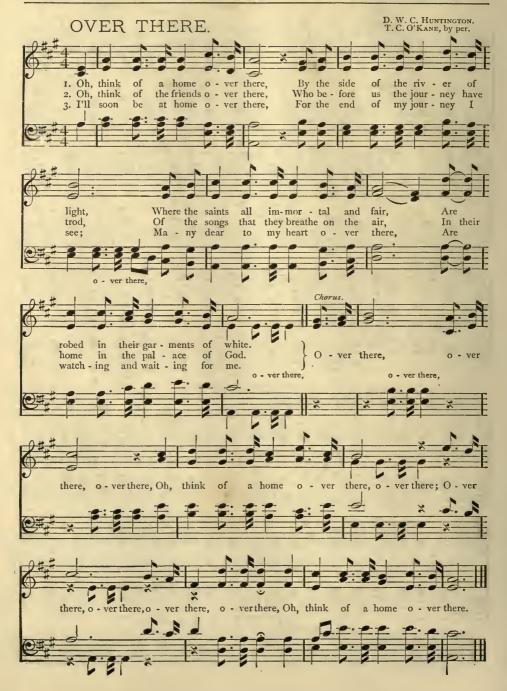


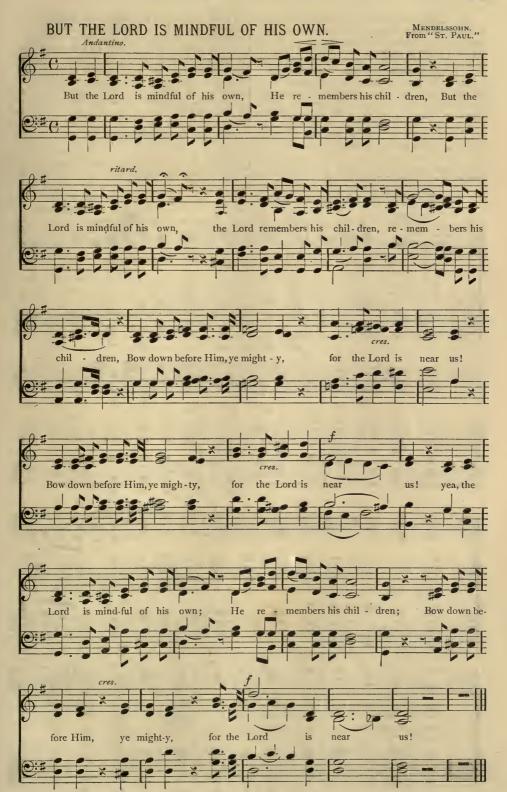




'Twas He who found me on the deathly wild, And made me heir of Heaven, the Father's child; And day by day, whereby my soul may live, Gives me His grace of pardon, and will give. Yea, Thou will answer for me, righteous Lord: Thine all the merits, mine the great reward; Thine the sharp thorns, and mine the golden crown, Mine the life won, and Thine the life laid down. The skill of the painter and sculptor, which comes in aid of the memory and imagination, is, in its highest degree, one of the rarest, as it is one of the most exquisite, accomplishments within our attainment. In its perfection it is as seldom witnessed as in speech or music. The plastic hand must be moved by the same ethereal instinct as the eloquent lips or the recording pen. The number of those who can discern the finished statue in the heart of the shapeless block, and bid it start into artistic life—

who are endowed with the exquisite gift of moulding the rigid bronze or the lifeless marble into graceful, majestic, and expressive forms—is not greater than the number of those who are able with equal majesty, grace and expressiveness to make the spiritual essence, the finest shades of thought and feeling, sensible to the mind through the eye and the ear in the mysterious embodiment of the written and the spoken word. If Athens in her palmiest days had but one Pericles, she had also but one Phidias.—Everett.

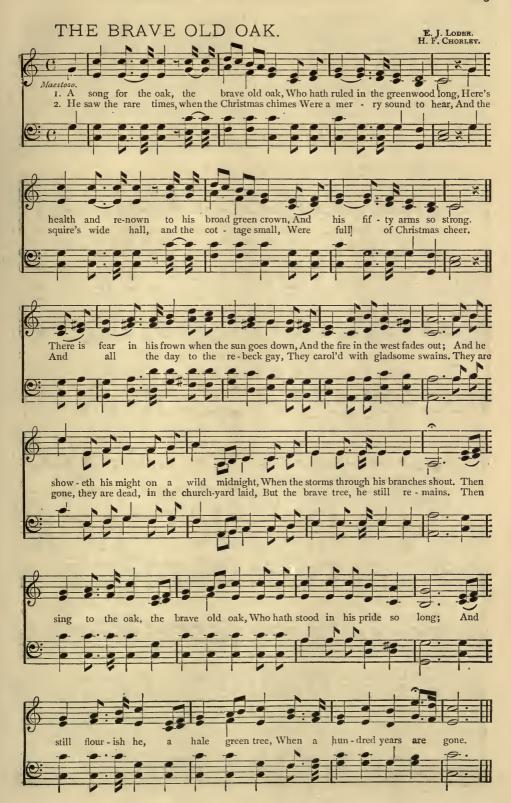




As a nation we are not yet a musical people in the sense in which Germany and Italy are musical, but there is a decided movement among the people which is a sign of promise. The best and most encouraging indication is that music is no longer regarded as simply an accomplishment. Like the Greeks, we are realizing the necessity of æsthetic culture if we would have our young men and young women developed into well-rounded, harmonious characters. Far more than in those older lands do we need the universal art, which, while it crowns all others, may yet precede all others. In this new land there are, there can be, no wonders of architecture sacred with age and hallowed memories. Here are no galleries of sculpture and painting. They are the growth of

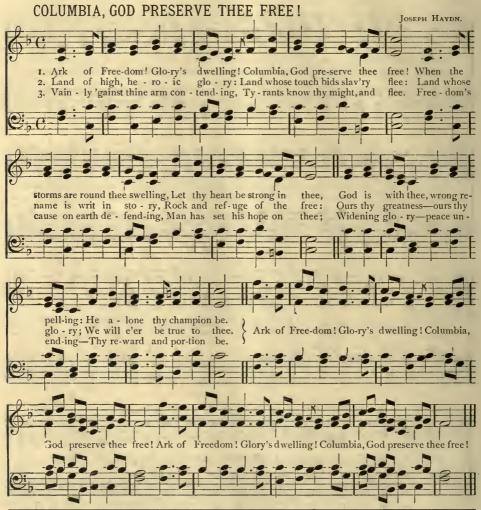
an older civilization, of a repose and patience as far as possible opposed to our restless, unceasing activity of brain and body. De Staël calls architecture "frozen music." As truly may we call music "living, breathing architecture." Governed by as perfect laws of harmony and proportion, it has, besides, a principle of life which even architecture, painting, or sculpture can not have. A perfect completed poem that lacks no touch from the master-hand that created it, a wonder of harmony and melody so perfect in form and beauty that a note added or withdrawn would mar its loveliness, may live anew, be anew created by the genius of the interpreter. It is infinite in its meaning, infinite in its suggestions, infinite in its glimpses of heavenly truth and beauty.—Gray.





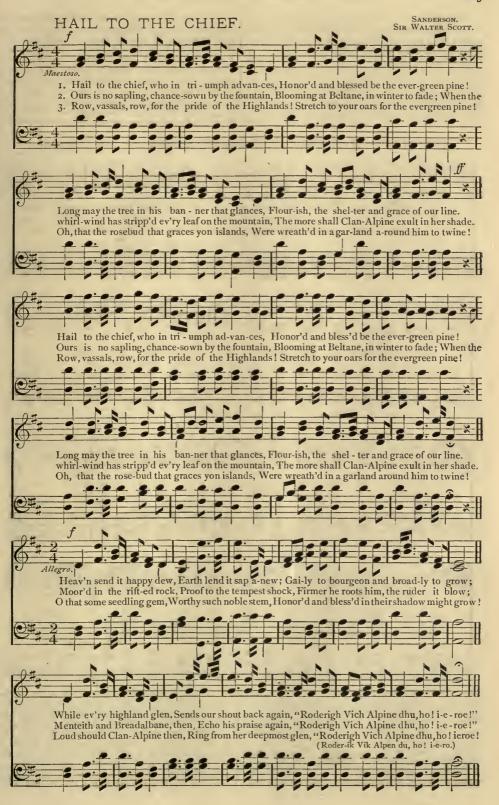
TRAINING.—The feeblest attempt in the smallest, most obscure Western village to advance true art has weight and influence, and is not lost though it seems too insignificant to be noted. If all were generals, we should have no army. The smallest drummerboy at the farthest outpost of our civilization is an essential part of the whole, helping and advancing the good cause by his earnestness and fidelity, inspiring some faint, feeble heart to one more effort, passing on the good word of obedience, in the faith that ten times one is ten, till the tens are hundreds, the hundreds thousands, the thousands a multitude

that no man can number. If even a feeble effort is of value, how much more valuable is a well-directed, intelligent effort of one who has been systematically trained, who sees the end from the beginning, and, sure of his ground, strengthened by sympathy and that sense of communion which is the very life of the soul, works intelligently for a definite end! For this a thorough, careful training is needed—a training which, in its elementary condition, should precede any question of talent or special ability. We do not ask children if they have a predilection for the alphabet or the multiplication table; it is their



right; they are to have it whether they specially desire it or not. All will not become Newtons or Shakespeares; but without the preliminary training they have no possibility of appreciating either the one or the other. The receivers must outnumber givers in any one direction; there must be audience as well as orator. The better trained the audience, the better oratory will they demand and receive. As simple, as unquestioning, should be the first part of a child's musical education, till, unconsciously, the page of music is as expressive and intelligible to

him as a page of printing, remembering always that to vocalize a scale is much easier than to learn the different sounds in the alphabet, a far simpler task to master in childhood than in maturer years. Vocal music, which at first is largely imitative, is the easiest method for very young children, who, experience proves, will learn good music much more readily than bad, and are swayed and influenced beyond computation by the sentiment of the hymns and songs learned at school and sung in unison, or by the sort of musical atmosphere in which they find themselves at home.



Love Songs.—This is one and a chief charm of Burns' love-songs, that they are certainly of all love-songs except those wild snatches left to us by her who flung herself from the Leucadian rock the most in earnest, the tenderest, the "most moving, delicate and full of life." Burns makes you feel the reality and the depth, the truth of his passion; it is not her eyelashes, or her nose, or her dimple, that are "winging the fervor of his love;" not even her soul; it is herself. This concentration and earnestness, this perfervor of

our Scottish love poetry, seems to me to contrast curlously with the light, trifling philandering of the English; indeed, as far as I remember, we have almost no love-songs in English of the same class as those of Burns. They are mostly of the genteel, or of the nautical (some of these capital), or of the comic school. Do you know, "Oh, wert thou in the cauld blast?" the most perfect, the finest love-song in our or in any language; the love being affectionate more than passionate, love in possession not in pursuit. The follow-



ing is Mr. Chambers' account of the origin of this song: Jessy Lewars had a call one morning from Burns. He offered, if she would play him any tune of which she was fond, and for which she desired new verses, that he would do his best to gratify her wish. She at once sat down at the piano, and played over and over the air of an old song beginning with the words, "The robin cam' to the wren's nest." . . . Love never faileth; but whether there be prophecies, they shall

fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away; but love is of God, and cannot fail.—Dr. John Brown.

Home was always a mellow Saxon word; but it rings sweeter than ever now-a-days, thanks to Payne's immortal song. When we are told that charitable men have erected an orphans' home, an outcasts' home, a sailors' home, etc., all this, indeed, wins the English ear and warms the English heart.

More than 2,000 years ago, Plato, the propounder of a system of ethics second only to Christianity, said of music: "To look upon music as a mere amusement cannot be justified. Music which has no other aim can neither be considered of value nor viewed with reverence." And these words are re-echoed in our day by England's great philanthropist and statesman, W. E. Gladstone, when he said: "They who think music ranks among the trifles of existence are in gross error, because from the beginning of the world down to the

present time, it has been one of the most forcible instruments both for training, for arousing, and for governing the mind and the spirit of man. There was a time when letters and civilization had but begun to dawn upon the world. In that day music was not unknown. On the contrary, it was so far from being a mere servant and handmaid of common and light amusement, that the great and noble art of poetry was essentially wedded to that of music, so that there was no poet who was not a musician; there was no verse

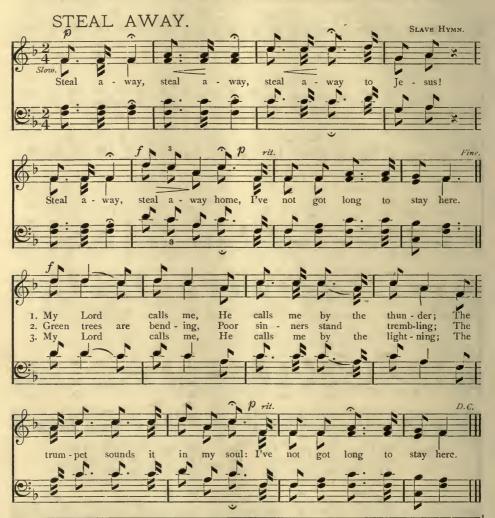


spoken in the early ages of the world but that music was adopted as its vehicle, showing thereby the universal consciousness that in that way the straighest and most effectual road would be found to the heart and affections of man." Even the rugged heart of Carlyle opened to the divine influence of music, when he wrote, "Music is well said to be the speech of angels;" and again, "See deep enough and you see musically; the heart of Nature being everywhere music, if you can

only reach it." George Eliot spoke truly that, "There is no feeling, perhaps, except the extremes of fear and grief, that does not find relief in music—that does not make a man sing or play the better." J.G. Holland saw that music is "a thing of the soul—a rose-lipped shell that murmurs of the eternal sea—a strange bird singing the songs of another shore;" and all the poets from Chaucer to the lamented Longfellow, recognize the fact that "music is the universal language of mankind."

In the Schools.—No one thing has done more for music in the past twenty years than its introduction as an integral part of our common school education. In the large cities and suburban towns little seems left to desire in that direction. From the time children at the age of five enter the primary school till at the age of sixteen or eighteen they graduate from the high or normal school, music is as much a part of their training as the multiplication table and spelling book. The next generation will see what we foresee, and reap the harvest this generation is so wisely sowing. If, as we contend,

music is in itself purifying and elevating, if it can displace and crowd out baser pleasures by giving innocent recreation and excitement to a people that must be amused, a people who must be busy for good or for evil, we can not have too much of it. It can not enter too largely or too deeply into the system of common-school education. In curious juxtaposition in an English paper a short time since was a statement that Dean Stanley had no appreciation of music, and was averse to its introduction into state systems of education; in another column was a report of one of Dean Stanley's addresses on the condi-



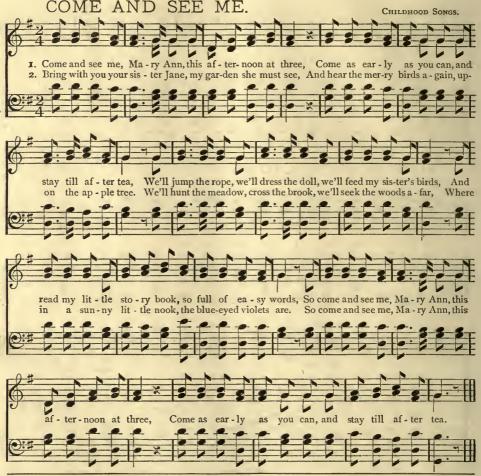
tion of the working classes, lamenting with an evident surprise that while so much had been done within the last twenty years to lessen intemperance annong the gentry, so little comparatively had been effected among the laboring class. The inference is natural and not far-fetched which assumes a need among that very working class which had remained unheeded, unsupplied. The gentleman has his elegant home, his intellectual entertainments; an atmosphere of grace and beauty surrounds him, or is easily attainable; his craving for excitement, for a life apart

from his labor, is gratified with scarcely an effort on his part. The man less fortunately situated needs recreation and stimulus even more than the other. Warmth, light, companionship, he must have. The gin-palace offers them, ruining body and soul, while it affects to comfort both. Tear down the rum-shop, turn the trades-union into a choral society, bring good music with attractive surroundings before him, educate his children to take part in grand old folk-songs, glees, and madrigals, and in a generation a strange revolution would be wrought.—Ellis Gray.



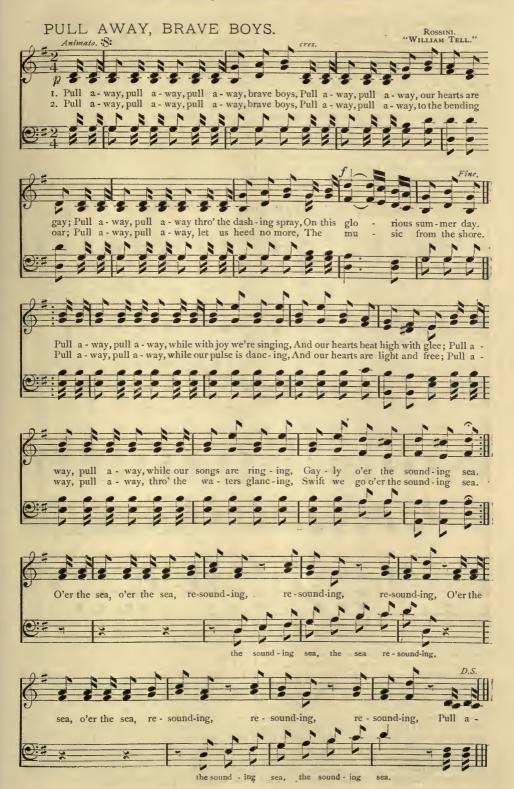
FRANZ SCHUBERT, the great lyrist, was born at Lichtenthal, a suburb of Vienna, in 1797. His father was the schoolmaster of his native village, and according to Mr. Haweis, had eighteen sons and daughters. Franz was the second son, and shared the family passion for music. When he was five years old, his father prepared him for elementary instruction, and at six he was sent to school, where he was always one of the first amongst his fellow students. The old schoolmaster was his son's first instructor in music, as in everything else, the teacher finding that the pupil "had somehow mastered the rudiments for himself." The choir-master, who was Schubert's

next teacher, observed that "whenever he wanted to teach him anything, he knew it already:" and Salieri, to whom he owed most information, admitted that the boy "was a born genius, and could do whatever he chose." Mr. Haweis, who supplies these particulars in his book, "Music and Morals," argues from this early and extraordinary musical development, similar to that of Mozart and Mendelssohn, that "nature seemed to feel that a career so soon to be closed by untimely death must be begun with the tottering steps and the early lisp of childhood." But, no doubt, the precocity, with its premature undisciplined independence, had its serious disadvantages;



and it is well known that Schubert before he died deeply regretted, and was taking earnest steps to remedy, his defective knowledge of counterpoint and of the higher branches of the study of music. His superficial practical acquaintance with music was made so speedily that, at the age of eleven, he was not only a good singer in the choir of the imperial chapel, but played well on the piano and other musical instruments; and before he was fifteen he was so unexceptionable a violinist, that he would take the part of "first violin" in the orchestral practicings. In 1816, Schubert, then nineteen years of age, wrote what was to prove one of his greatest successes, but which like

his other successes, received only a gradual acknowledgment. Mr. Haweis has this interesting account of the composition of the now famous air of the "Erl King:" One afternoon, Schubert was alone in the little room alloted to him in his father's house, and happening to take up a volume of Goethe's poems, he read the "Erl King." The rushing sound of the wind, and the terrors of the enchanted forest, were instantly changed for him into realities. Every line of the poem seemed to flow into strange unearthly music as he read, and, seizing a pen, he dashed down the song nearly as it is now sung, in just the time that was necessary for the mechanical writing of the music.



SENSE OF BEAUTY.—Beauty is an all-pervading presence. It unfolds in the numberless flowers of It waves in the branches of the trees and the green blades of grass. It haunts the depths of the earth and the sea, and gleams out in the hues of the shell and the precious stone. And not only these minute objects, but the ocean, the mountains, the cloud, the heavens, the stars, the rising and setting sun,-all overflow with beauty. The universe is its temple; and those men who are alive to it cannot lift their eyes without feeling themselves encompassed with it on every side. Now, this beauty is so precious, the enjoyments it gives are so refined and pure, so congenial with our tenderest and most noble feelings, and so akin to worship, that it is painful to think of the multitude of men as living in the

midst of it, and living almost blind to it as if, instead of this fair earth and glorious sky, they were tenants of a dungeon. An infinite joy is lost to the world by the want of culture of this spiritual endowment. Suppose that I were to visit a cottage, and see its walls lined with the choicest pictures of Rapliael, and every spare nook filled with statues of the most exquisite workmanship, and that I were to learn that neither man, woman, nor child ever cast an eye at these miracles of art, how should I feel their privation! how should I want to open their eyes and to help them to comprehend and feel the loveliness and grandeur which in vain courted their notice! But every husbandman is living in sight of the works of a diviner Artist; and how much would his existence be elevated could he see the glory



which shines forth in their forms, hues, proportions, and moral expression! I have spoken only of the beauty of Nature, but how much of this mysterious charm is found in the elegant arts, and especially in literature! The best books have most beauty. The greatest truths are wronged if not linked with beauty; and they win their way most surely and deeply into the soul when arrayed in this their natural and fit attire. Now, no man receives the true culture of a man in whom the sensibility to the beautiful is not cherished; and I know of no condition in life from which it should be excluded. Of all luxuries, this is the cheapest and most at hand; and seems to me to be the most important to those conditions where -coarse labor tends to give a grossness of mind. From the diffusion of the sense of beauty in ancient

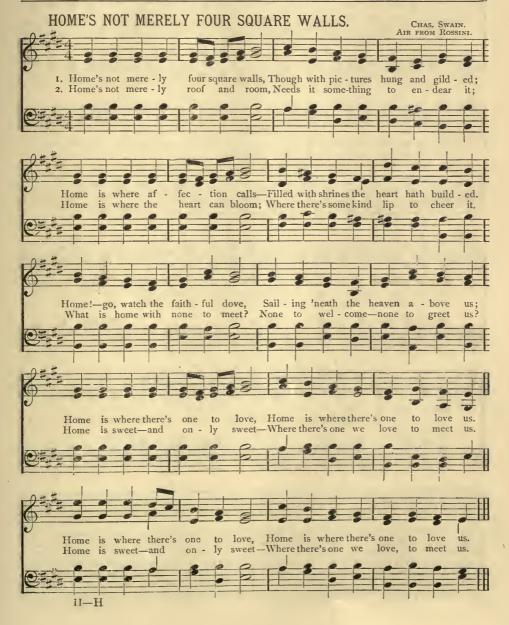
Greece, and of the taste for music in modern Germany, we learn that the people at large may partake of refined gratifications which have hitherto been thought necessarily restricted to a few.—Channing

I HAVE always preferred cheerfulness to mirth. The latter I consider as an act, the former as a habit of the mind. Mirth is short and transient, cheerfulness fixed and permanent. Those are often raised into the greatest transports of mirth who are subject to the greatest depressions of melancholy; on the contrary, cheerfulness, though it does not give the mind such an exquisite gladness, prevents us from falling into any depths of sorrow. Mirth is like a flash of lightning that glitters for a moment; cheerfulness keeps up a kind of daylight in the mind and fills it with steady and perpetual serenity.—Addison

Music of the Voice.—I remember listening, in the midst of a crowd, many years ago, to the voice of a girl,—a mere child of sixteen summers,—till I was bewildered. She was a pure, high-hearted, impassioned creature, without the least knowledge of the world or her peculiar gift; but her own thoughts had wrought upon her like the hush of a sanctuary, and she spoke low, as if with an unconscious awe. I could never trifle in her presence. My nonsense seemed altogether out of place; and my practised assurance forsook me utterly. She is changed now. She has been admired, and has found out her beauty; and the music of her tone is gone! she will recover it by-and-by, when the delirium of the world is over, and she begins to rely once more upon her own thoughts for company; but her extravagant spirits

have broken over the thrilling timidity of her child-hood, and the beautiful charm is unwound.— Willis.

"LEAD, KINDLY LIGHT."—Dr. John H. Newman very early mastered music as a science, and attained such a proficiency on the violin that, had he not become a doctor of the church he would have been a Paganini. At the age of twelve he composed an opera. He wrote in albums, improvised masques and idyls, and only they who see no poetry in "Lead, Kindly Light" or the "Dream of Gerontius," will deny that the divine gift entered into his birthright. He wrote this famous hymn, now sung in all our churches, in 1832, when, returning from his Mediterranean trip in an orange boat, he was becalmed for some days in the straits of Bonifacio, within sight of Caprera, since known as Garibaldi's island home.



SINCE the Church has been divided into many branches, each has had its sweet singers, whose music has gladdened all the rest. It was Toplady, a severe Calvinist, who gave us "Rock of Ages." Men differ about the atonement; they almost call each other heretics and outcasts in their difference about it; but, when that hymn is sung, every heart rests upon the one Redeemter. It was Charles Wesley, an Arminian, who sang "Jesus, Lover of my Soul." Side by side are Watts and Wesley, Church of England and Dis-

senter. F. W. Faber, a devout Catholic, wrote that hymn which breathes the highest spirit of Christian submission, "I worship Thee, sweet Will of God." Madame Guion, an unquestioning Catholic, wrote "O Lord, how full of sweet content!" Francis Xavier, one of the founders of the Jesuit order, wrote "Thou, O my Jesus! Thou didst me upon the Cross embrace." While the Church of England was convulsed by the greatest struggle it has known within this century, Keble, closely attached to one of the



contending parties, wrote the Evening Hymn which the whole Church delights to sing. A Unitarian, Sarah F. Adams, gave us "Nearer, my God, to Thee." The controversies over the orthodoxy of that hymn are as dry and cold and dead as the stones Jacob took for his pillow; and, meanwhile, souls mount up by it toward heaven as did the angels on the ladder Jacob saw as he journeyed to Padan-aram.

WE walk here, as it were, in the crypts of life: at times, from the great cathedral above us, we can hear the organ and the chanting choir; we can see the light stream through the open door, when some friend goes out before us; and shall we fear to mount the narrow staircase of the grave that leads us out of this uncertain twilight into eternal light?—Longfellow.

WHENEVER I think of God, I can only conceive of him as a Being infinitely great and infinitely good. This last quality of the divine nature inspires me with such confidence and with such joy that I could have written even a Miserere in tempo allegro.—Haydro



REFERRING to praise-meetings, a leading writer says: "Every new phase of religious opinion or religious life has some reason why it should exist—emphasizing some want of our being which has been, or is likely to be, neglected. And, hence, it is to be studied and intelligently turned to account. If the praise-meeting owes its existence to the fact that we have been slighting the element of praise in our religious gatherings, or to the fact that the people want to do their own singing rather than listen to the

performance of a paid quartet, by all means let us learn these lessons. We think these are the facts which make Dr. Tourjée's innovation take so well with the religious people of sober New England, while the novelty of a brass band draws in the curious and helps to crowd the house. Let us then give our churches all the chances to sing they want, under the guidance of a competent and at the same time a devout leader, and in combination with such chances to speak and pray as may make the enthusiasm de-



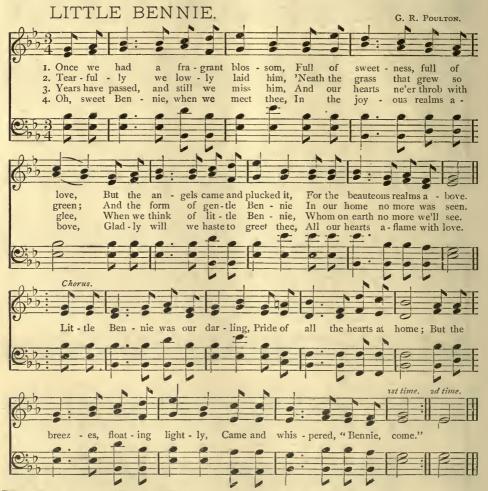
veloped by a praise-meeting yield substantial results in the conversion of sinners and the strengthening of saints. There is no doubt that singing, especially the singing of a well-trained congregation, is quite as legitimate and possibly as effective a means of grace as praying or preaching. The voice of the great congregation is one of power. You can sing men into the kingdom as well as pray them in. But true Christian praise will ever contemplate religious ends. It will never degenerate into mere recreation,"

"CHEERFULNESS," says Bishop Taylor, "and a festival spirit fill the soul full of harmony; it composes music for churches and hearts; it makes and publishes glorifications of God; it produces thankfulness, and serves the end of charity; and, when the oil of gladness runs over, it makes tall and bright emissions of light, and holy fires reaching up to a cloud and making joy round about. Since it is so full of holy advantage, whatsoever can innocently minister to this holy joy sets forward the work of religion."



In an essay of Herbert Spencer's, on the origin and functions of Music, he suggests what is now perhaps generally admitted, that, as speech is the natural expression of thought, so music is the natural language of emotion. Certainly, if the words which we speak convey our ideas, the tones in which they are uttered convey our feelings in regard to them, and the various emotions of pain and pleasure, of discontent or satisfaction, of cordiality or aversion, of eager interest or utter indifference, are much more apparent in the emphasis, cadence and intonations of the voice than in the words themselves. All these may be called the music of speech, and just as words multiply in order to express

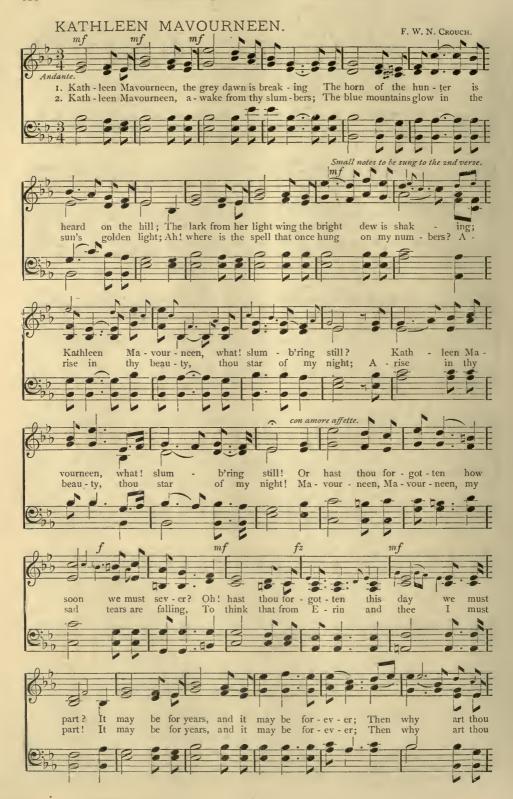
the new and delicate shades of thought that increasing civilization and culture bring forth, so the intonations of voice are even more and more delicately representing the increasingly complex emotions of which we become capable. If, then, music is itself the very language of emotion, must not the habit of listening to good music, which is true to its character, have a double effect upon us, over and above the pleasure it creates—first, to develop within us and to intensify the very feelings which it is translating, and secondly, to enable us the better to convey to others the feelings which actuate us, even in the cadences and modulations of ordinary conversation? To share our thoughts

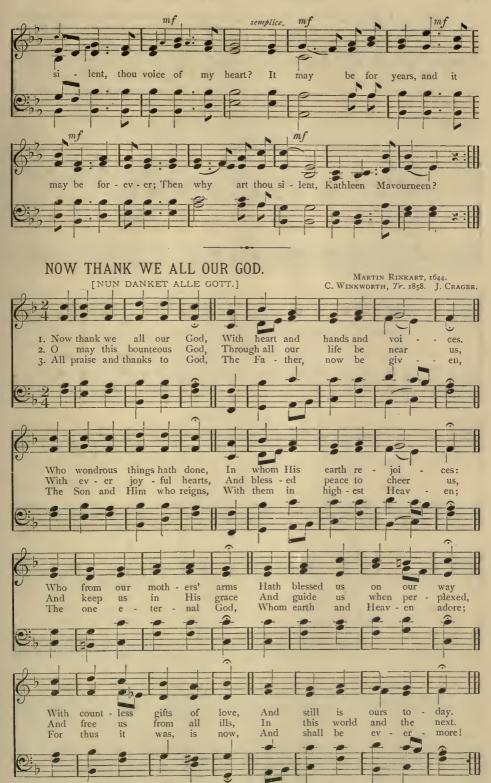


with others by the use of well-chosen words, is an art which is fully recognized and cultivated; but to share our *emotions* by any truthful and adequate expression of them, is an art which the future has yet to teach us. Indeed, the very effort is regarded by many with something like contempt, and he who succeeds best in hiding his feelings is most approved. If we are swayed by anger, impatience, jealousy, envy or hatred, the less we express ourselves the better. The sternest silence at such times is the surest, method of subduing the rebellious moods. But to restrain and conceal feelings of love, kindness and good-will—to preserve an impassive

exterior, when the heart thrills with affection and gladness—this is to crush out sympathy, and to silence the best promptings of humanity. The language of the emotions, whatever it may be, deserves the most earnest and careful cultivation, for by means of it is developed that sympathy which is the great bond of human society. Upon it we are dependent, both for our direct happiness and our permanent well-being. This it is which leads men to deal justly and kindly with each other, which heightens every pleasure and softens every pain, which gives rise to all domestic and social happiness, and makes life's hardest passages endurable.







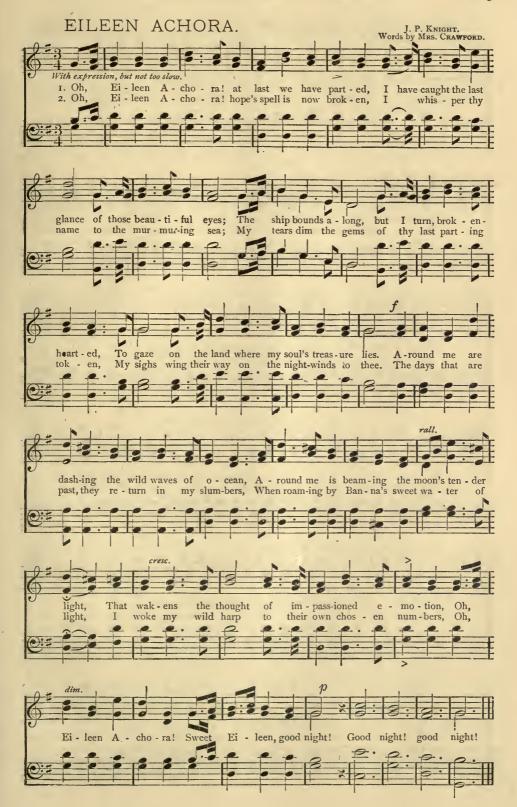
THE BEST.—As to those whose leisure, talent, or determination makes further musical progress possible or essential, the question of greatest importance that presents itself is, How and where shall each individual most judiciously expend time and money to attain the object in view? Primarily the need is the best instruction from the best masters. Poor teaching is dear at any rate. There are two distinct methods of obtaining this instruction. With a full purse and some little influence—for these musical

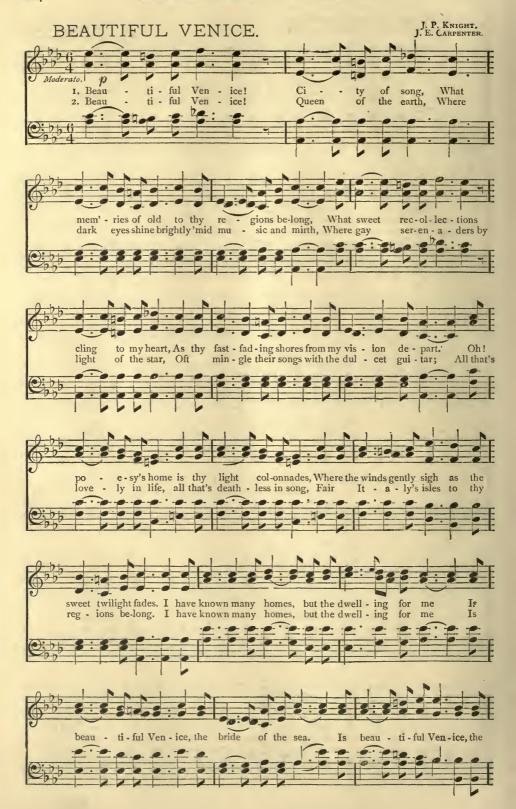
kings are royal potentates, and must be approached discreetly and diplomatically even to insure an audience—it is a simple matter to secure instruction from a master of acknowledged ability in his special department, at a rate varying from three to five dollars for three-quarters of an hour, or even half-an-hour's instruction. This instruction is presumably of the best, and to it we owe many of our most accomplished musicians both in vocal and instrumental music, who, in their turn, serve art by imparting to others. The

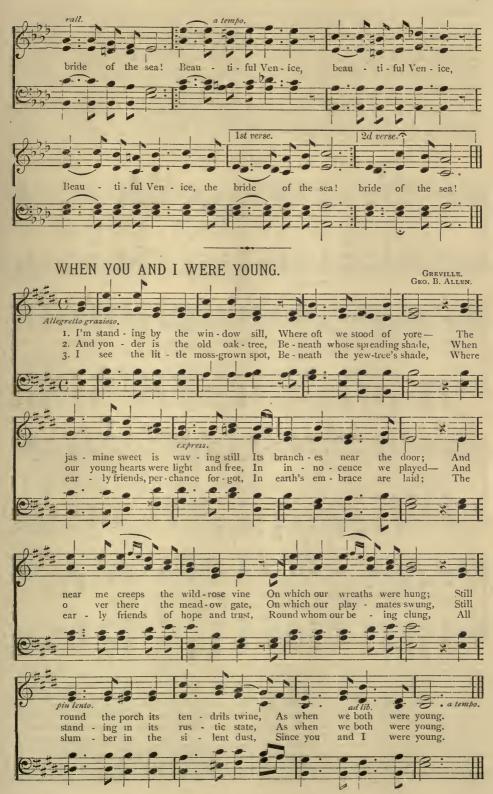


benefits of this method, like that of a private tutor, need no discussion or setting forth; the custom is time-honored, and will always, and very properly, have its advocates in general and its special fitness for individual cases. This training, however, is not possible for the masses, who, indeed, were there even a state fund to insure it, could not be accommodated with individual lessons from first-rate masters. The alternative is class instruction, the principle upon which all graded schools—indeed, all schools, pub-

lic or private—are conducted. The advantages are obvious in scientific matters as well as in common branches; the lecture on chemistry or philosophy, the lesson in arithmetic or geography, is more profitable as well as more enjoyable in a class than delivered to a single individual; the evil crops out when the class is so large that only general attention can be given the pupil. All the benefits and evils accruing from class instruction in any other branch are likely to result from class training in music.—*Gray*.

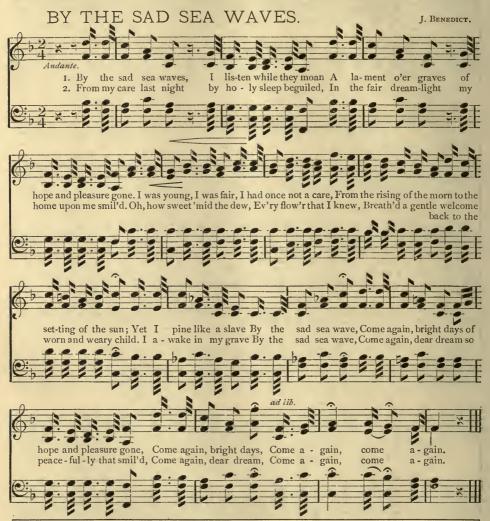






DUTY OF PASTORS.—We do not think that congregational singing will ever prevail with power until pastors of churches appreciate its importance and universally labor to secure it. If ministers regard singing as but a decorous kind of amusement, pleasantly relieving or separating the more solemn acts of worship, it will always be degraded. The pastor, in many cases, in small rural churches may be himself the leader. In larger societies, where a musical director is employed, the pastor should still be the animating centre of the music, encouraging the people to take part in it, keeping before them

their duty, and their benefit in participating in this most delightful part of public worship. It is a very general impression that the pastor is to preach and pray, but another man is to sing. Music is farmed out, and the unity of public services is marred by two systems of exercises conducted by different persons, and oftentimes without concord or sympathy with each other, and sometimes even with such contrariety that the organ and the choir effectually neutralize the pulpit. While it may not be needful that the pastor should perform the part of a musical leader, yet it is certain that there will not be a spirit of song, in the



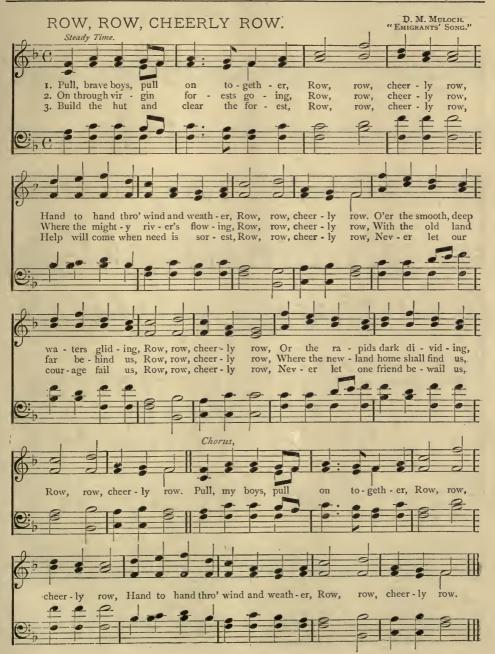
whole congregation, if he is himself indifferent to it, and the first step toward congregational singing must be in the direction of the ministry.—H. W. Beecher.

PLATO in his Republic, desires at least two harmonies—the one warlike, which will sound the word or note which a brave man utters in the hour of danger and stern resolve, or when his cause is failing and he is going to wounds or death, or is overtaken by some other evil, and at every crisis meets fortune with calmness and endurance; and another, which may be used by him in times of peace when there is no

pressure of necessity, expressive of entreaty or persuasion, of prayer to God or instruction to man; which represents him when he has accomplished his aim, not carried away by success, but acting moderately and wisely, and acquiescing in the event: the strain of necessity and the strain of freedom, of the fortunate and the unfortunate, of courage and temperance; adding in another connection, "We can never become truly musical until we know the essential forms of temperance, courage, liberality, and magnificence." Surely we can to-day raise no loftier standard than this-

If the voice be not of the best, it is of small consequence. The full-voiced sound will absorb all individuality of voice. Each will be aggregated with all. The little separate waves will go to form an entire ocean of sound, a multitudinous oneness and massive whole, without any prominent individualizing. Especially is this true when the voices are under the controlling and assimilating influence of a powerful, and well-played organ; and, in congregational singing, the organ should have the largest liberty of utterance, the foundation-stops being alone employed. So then it may be taken as a fact that, in the people's

music of the church, the control and use of the voice require little artistic training, but only so much musical endowment as almost everybody naturally has, and so much musical memory as to remember such simple melodies as form the staple of tunes adapted to general use. All the better, to be sure, if preliminary training has been secured, with some knowledge of the elementary rules of music. This were best done in early life, and while atschool; and we hesitate not to say that it is a great mistake whenever in any school, public or private, instruction in music and singing is omitted for what is thought more practical.



THE following incident is taken from Dr. Taylor's "Elijah, the Prophet:" About two years after the close of the thirty years' war in Germany, George Neumarck lived in a poor street in Hamburg, obtaining a precarious living by playing on a violoncello. After a while he fell sick, and was unable to go his usual rounds. As this was his only means of support, he was soon reduced to great straits and was compelled to part with his instrument to a broker, who, with characteristic sharpness, lent him on it a sum much below its value for two weeks, after which, if it were not redeemed, it was to be forfeited. As he gave it up, he looked lovingly at it, and tearfully

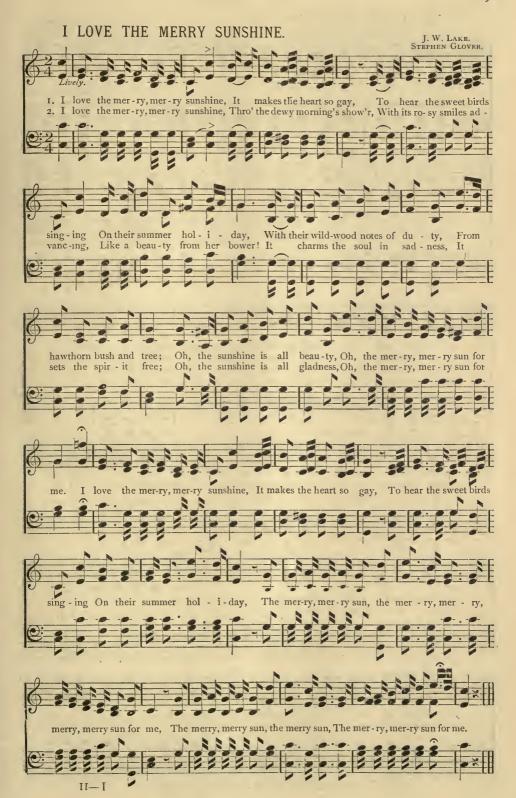
asked if he might play one more tune upon it. "You don't know," he said "how hard it is to part with it. For ten years it has been my companion; if I had nothing else I had it; and it spoke to me and sang back to me. Of all the sad hearts that have left your door there has been none so sad as mine." Then pausing a moment he seized the instrument and commenced a tune so exquisitely soft that even the pawnbroker listened in spite of himself. A few more strains, and he sang to his own melody two stanzas of his own hymn: "Life is weary, Saviour, take me." Suddenly the key changed—a few bars and the melody poured itself forth anew, and his face

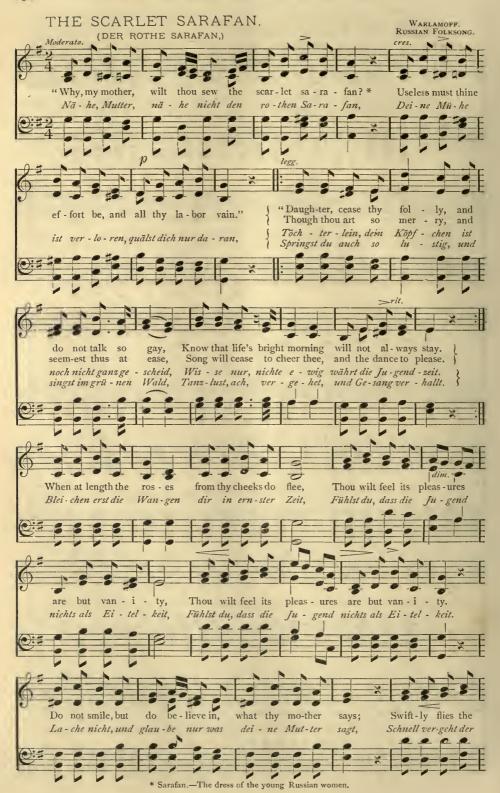


lighted up with a smile as he sang, "Yet who knows the cross is precious." Then laying down the instrument he said, "As God will, I am still," and hurried from the shop. Going out in the darkness, he stumbled against a stranger who seemed to have been listening at the door, and who said to him, "Could you tell me where I could obtain a copy of that song? I would willingly give a florin for it." "My good friend," said Neumarck, "I will give it to you without the florin." The stranger was a valet to the Swedish ambassador, and to him the poet told the story of his trials. He in turn told his

master, who being in want of a private secretary engaged Neumarck at once; and so his troubles ended. But with his first money he redeemed his instrument, and obtaining it, he called on his landlady and his friends and neighbors to hear him play on it again. Soon the room was filled, and he sang to his accompaniment his own sweet hymn,

Leave God to order all thy ways, And hope in Him whate'er betide, Thou'lt find Him in the evil days Thine all sufficient strength and guide, Who trusts in God's unchanging love Builds on a rock that nought can move.

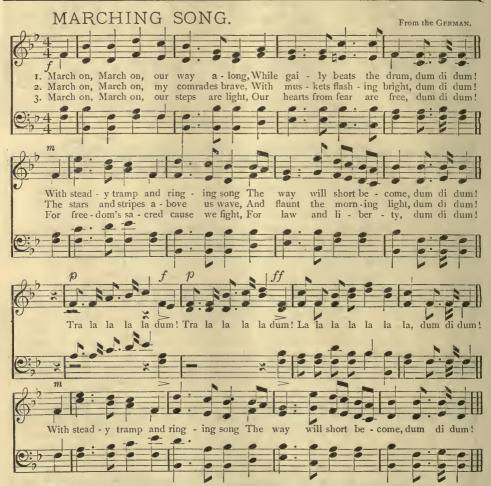






AN OLD SINGER,—It is in his translation of the Gospel of St. John, completed A. D. 735, that the venerable Bede appears to us as the first writer of English vernacular prose. The story of the writing of this first prose book in the English language, as related by Cuthbert, one of Bede's pupils, is full of pathetic interest: As the season of Easter was drawing near, the zealous scholar and teacher began to feel symptoms of approaching death. But he continued faithfully the performance of his daily duties, and suffered nothing to distract his attention from his accustomed labor, or to abate his usual cheerfulness and good humor. Now and then, while in the midst of his labors, with his pupils all

around him, he would sing some verses of an English song—"rude rhymes that told how before the needfare, Death's stern 'must go,' none can enough bethink him what is to be his doom for good or ill. We never read without weeping," writes Cuthbert. And so the anxious days passed, and Ascension week drew near, and both master and pupils toiled with increased zeal to finish, if possible, the work in hand—the translation of St. John's Gospel. "Learn with what speed you may," said the dying man; "for I know not how long I may last. I do not want my scholars to read a lie or to work to no purpose when I am gone." The last day came, and his pupils stood around him. "There



is still one chapter wanting," said the scribe, seeing the master's increased weakness. "It is easily done," said Bede; "take thy pen and write quickly." They wrote until eventide drew on. Then the scribe spoke again: "There is yet but one sentence to be written, dear master." "Wrate it quickly," was the response of the dying man. "It is finished now," at length said the youth. "Thou hast well said," faintly replied the master, "all is finished now." The sorrowing pupils supported him tenderly in their arms while he chanted the solemn "Glory to God," and with the last words of the song his breathing ceased. Such is the story of the beginning of our literature. The humble transla-

tion of the Gospel of St. John, completed under circumstances of such painful anxiety, and amid the gathering shadows of death, was the vanguard, so to speak, of that long procession of noble works which, for a thousand years, has been contributing to the development and glory of the English nation.—Baldwin.

Music is too often looked upon as nothing but a mere passing enjoyment—something only for the moment, to be heard and perhaps little regarded—as simply a concord of sounds agreeable to the ear: but true art occupies a much higher sphere than this; and to be able to truly appreciate and enjoy it, we must know something of the laws by which it is governed.



Music at Home,—Do all you can to cultivate musical taste in your children; let them hear as much music as possible. Invite some one who can play bright and easy music, and let the children hear it. The music should be attractive, melodious and animated—a few songs, some easy galops or marches, and perhaps a quiet little piece or two. Make them understand that they must listen to music in silence. They are not allowed to talk while others are speaking, and they must give the same attention when any one plays or sings. By this means they will learn to think more of music, and to appreciate it

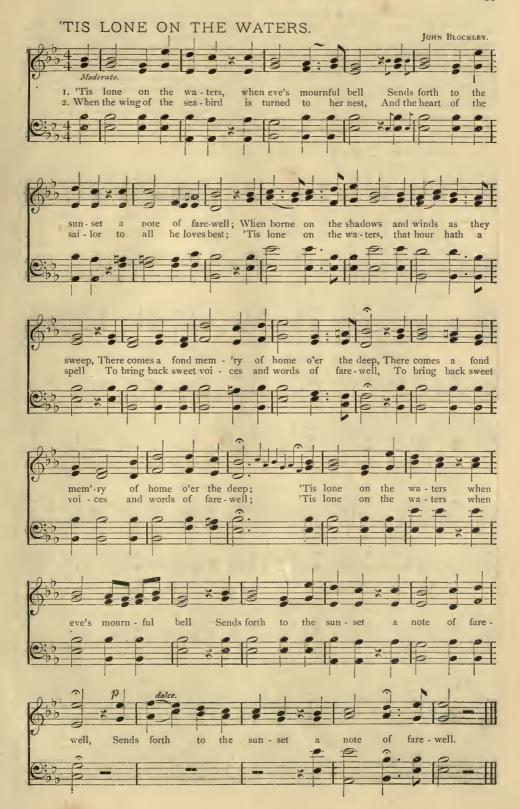
more highly. There is nothing to prevent children from taking up music as naturally as reading and writing. The notes and the alphabet should be learned at the same time. At five and six, children learn to sing naturally and easily, and little songs and exercises should be mingled with the lessons of the primary reading and spelling book. Experience teaches that nearly all children who can speak may be taught to read vocal music and to sing. Some knowledge of music should form a part of every child's education. At the same time, it is evident that it is often useless to carry a child



through a long course of musical study when he or she has no special aptitude for it. If they do not care much for it, let them study it enough to understand at least its general principles and to store the memory with a goodly number of tunes, both of songs and of hymns, for their future pleasure and profit.

THE most popular and truly meritorious of Moore's writings were his "Irish Melodies," written from time to time between the years 1807 and 1834. Byrohas said: "Moore is one of the few writers who will survive the age in which he so deservedly flourishes.

He will live in the 'Irish Melodies.' They will go down to posterity with the music; both will last as long as Ireland, or as music and poetry." Alison, in his History of Europe, adds this tribute to their merit, "His Irish and National Melodies will be immortal; and they will be for this reason,—that they express the feelings which spring up in the breast of every successive generation at the most important and imaginative period of life. They have the delicacy of refined life without its fastidiousness, the warmth of natural feeling without its rudeness."



Sound and Light.—The analogy between sound and light is perfect even in its minutest circumstance. When a certain number of vibrations of a musical chord is caused in a given time, we produce a required sound; as the vibrations of the chord vary from a quick to a slow rate we produce sounds sharpor grave. So with light; if the rate at which the ray undulates is altered, a different sensation is made upon the organ of vision. The number of aerial vibrations per second required to produce any particular note in music has been accurately calculated; and it is also

known that the ear is able to detect vibrations producing sound, through a range commencing with fifteen, and reaching as far as forty-eight thousand, in a second,—the longest waves capable of producing the sensation of sound being sixty-six feet in length, and the shortest three and one-fifth inches. So also in the case of light, the frequency of vibrations of the ether required for the production of any particular color has been determined, and the length of the waves corresponding to these vibrations. The waves producing that sensation on the nerve of sight which



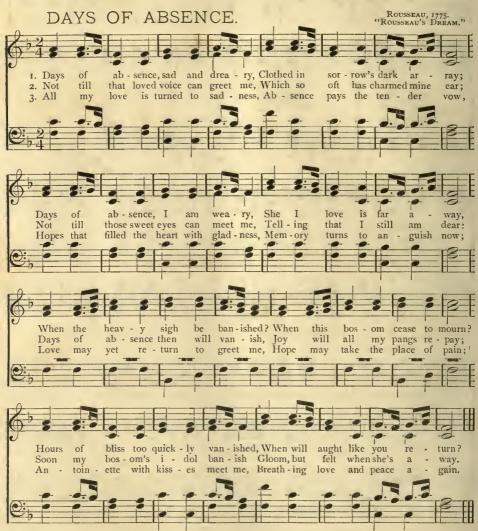
we agree to call red, are the largest; orange comes next; then yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet succeed each other, the waves of each being less than the preceding. The rapidity of the vibrations is in the same order, the waves producing red light vibrating with the least, and those producing violet, at the other end of the spectrum, with the greatest rapidity. To produce red light, it is necessary that 39,000 waves be comprised within the space of a single inch, and that 460,000,000,000,000,000 vibrations be executed in one second of time; while for violet, 57,500 waves with-

in an inch, and 680,000,000,000 vibrations per second are required. How do we reach these figures infinitely beyond human comprehension? It is known that light travels 186,000 miles per second. Each second, therefore, a length of ray amounting to 186,000 miles must enter the pupil of the eye. But in the case of red light there are 39,000 vibrations to the inch. In the space of so many miles there must be 460,000,000,000 of vibrations!! Rays of light of all colors, as waves of sound of every pitch, pass uniformly with the same velocity



Music, of all other arts, is more especially placed at the mercy of mankind. The painting, once finished, needs nothing but the light of heaven to convey it to the organ by which it is admitted to the mind. The poem, with all its holy utterances, its pathos, its passion, has its form in "words that burn." But there is no such silent independence in music. The offspring of the musician is born dumb—it reaches no ear but his own, and that a mental one—it has to appeal to others to give it voice and being. Hence it

comes that the composer and his composition are separated by a medium which too often reflects dishonor not only upon him, but upon the art itself. He is at the mercy of the caprices of singers and players; and the material through which it gets expression, the wood, the catgut and metal—all liable to every variation of the weather—are indispensable to its very existence. The subtle form and conditions of music are remarkable. It has also, as it were, to put on mortality afresh—it is ever being born anew, but to



die away and leave only dead notes and dumb instruments behind. The orchestra and choristers assemble, and it is there—but gone again when they disperse. In this fugitiveness of form some have pretended to see only the frivolity of the thing; but how deep, on the contrary, must be the foundations of that pleasure which has so precious a form of outward expression;—how intensely must that enjoyment be interwoven with the godlike elements of our being, in which mere outward sense has so fleeting a share! The very limitation of its natural resources is the

greatest proof of its spiritual power. Were it not for the grossness of our natures, we should take it in, not by the ear only, but by every pore of our frames. And yet our intensest sympathies are awakened, and this mysterious influence is exerted merely through a slight and evanescent vibration of the air! "Whence art thou! thou divine, mysterious thing?" is a question we must ever ask in vain, because its paths are lost in the depths of our being. We only know, and can know, of music that its science is an instinct of our nature—its subjects the emotions of our hearts.—Wysham.

THERE is no power of love so hard to get and keep as a kind voice. A kind hand is deaf and dumb. It may be rough in flesh and blood, yet do the work of a soft heart, and do it with a soft touch. But there is no one thing that love so much needs as a sweet voice to tell what it means and feels; and it is hard to get and keep it in the right tone. One must start in youth and be on the watch night and day, at work and play, to get and keep a voice that shall speak at all times the thoughts of a kind heart. But this is the time

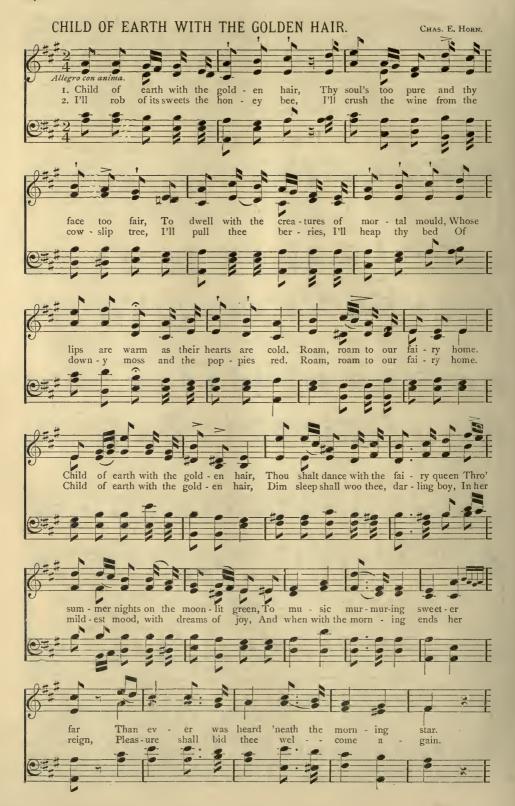
when a sharp voice is most apt to be got. You often hear boys and girls say words at play with a quick, sharp tone, as if it were the snap of a whip. When one of them gets vexed you will hear a voice that sounds as if it were made up of a snarl and whine, and a bark. Such a voice often speaks worse than the heart feels. It shows more ill-will in the tone than in the words. It is in mirth also that one gets a voice or tone that is sharp, which sticks to him through life, and stirs up ill-will and grief, and falls like a drop of gall on

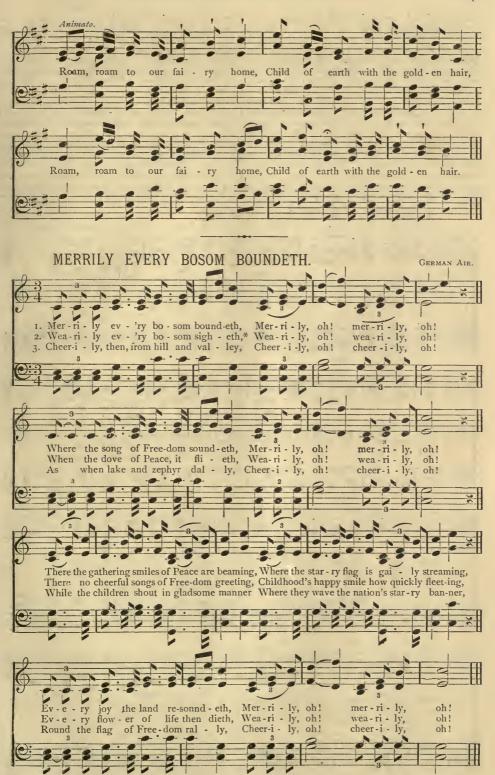


the sweet joys at home. Such as these get a sharp home voice for use, and keep their best voices for those they meet elsewhere, just as they would save their best pies and cakes for guests, and all their sour food for their own board. Use your guests' voice at home. Watch it, day by day, as a pearl of great price, for it will be worth more to you in days to come than would the best pearl hid in the sea. A kind voice is a joy like a lark's song to a hearth and home. It is to the heart what light is to the eye. Sweeter than song—it

is a light that sings as well as shines. Train it to sweet tones early and it will keep in tune thro' life.

"THE girl I left behind me," is thought to be of Irish origin. It was written when there were camps along the coast of England, and was long known as "Brighton Camp." For upwards of a century it has been a favorite with military bands and is usually played on such special occasions as the departure of troops from home or from camp, as well as upon the sailing of a transport as she weighs her anchor.



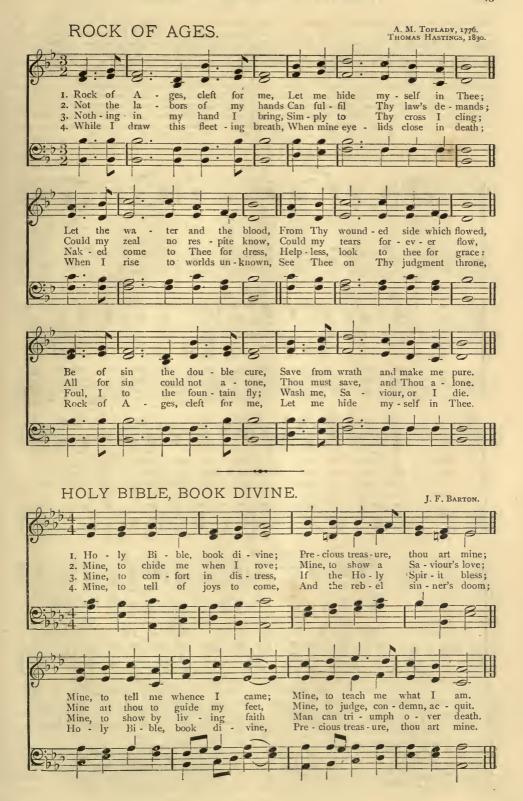


*The minor is used in this verse with effect, where there is an instrument to guide, by substituting E flat for E.

LUTHER found very much delight in music. After his marriage it was his custom once a week to have a musical entertainment at his house, when instrumental and vocal selections were given, and Christmas was always kept with great gayety. Luther himself was an excellent singer, accompanying himself upon the guitar, and he composed music for several of his hymns. The most celebrated of these compositions is his Battle Hymn. No translator has ever been able to reproduce in forcible English the spirit and sublimity of the original. The Marseillaise of the Reformation, as Heine well says, was this veritable war song, Ein Feste Burg. "Upon its theme," remarks Dr. Leonard W. Bacon, "the composers of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries practiced their artifice. The supreme genius of Sebastian Bach made it the subject of study. And in our own times it has been used with conspicuous effect

in Mendelssohn's Reformation Symphony, in an overture by Raff, in the noble Festouverture of Nicolai, and in Wagner's Kaiser Marsch; and it is introduced with recurring emphasis in Meyerbeer's masterpiece of the 'Huguenots.'" The earliest hymn-book of the Reformation-if not the earliest of all printed hymnbooks-was published at Wittenberg in 1524, and contained eight hymns, four of them from the pen of Luther himself. An interesting letter from the composer, John Walter, capellmeister to the Elector of Saxony, embodies his reminiscenses of his illustrious friend as a church musician. When Walter asked Luther how he came by his good taste and knowledge to fit all the notes to the text according to the "just accent and concent,' the answer was: "I learned this of the poet Virgil, who has the power so artfully to adapt his verses and his words to the story that he is telling.





Music is a language, the ideal of speech: we can imagine its existence before articulate speech was known. Birds sang in the garden of Eden before Adam gave them a name. A singing-bird was the first music-master; the wind breathing through waterreeds, sighing through the forest, hissing through tall grasses, the rhythmic beat of the crested waves, the monotonous bass of the water-fall, made harmony and melody before Pythagoras dreamed of the music of the spheres, or Hermes declared music to be the

knowledge of the order of all things. We call it a pretty conceit of the old philosopher who believed the order of the stars to be a written scroll of music, two stars (which are said to have appeared centuries after his death in the places he designated) only wanting to complete the celestial harmony. There is an extremely poetic belief among the Highlanders that the sense of hearing becomes so exquisitely keen at the approach of death that nature's divine symphony can be heard with all its ravishing sweetness,



dulling the sense of pain and reconciling the soul to its departure. From this superstition, if we will, comes their custom, as the last moment approaches, of bearing the dying from the close shealing to the open air, where undisturbed he can listen, in the words of Humboldt, to "the thousand voices of nature speaking to the thoughtful and pious soul of man."

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THE following is from "Paul Faber, Surgeon," by George Macdonald: The best of her undoubtedly appeared in her music, in which she was fundamentally far superior to Helen, though by no means so well trained, taught, or practiced in it; whence Helen had the unspeakable delight, one which only a humble, large and lofty mind can ever have, of consciously ministering to the growth of another in the very thing wherein that other is naturally the superior. The way to the blessedness that is in music, as to all other blessedness, lies through weary labors, and the master must suffer with the disciple. Helen took Juliet like a child, set her to scales and exercises, and made her practice hours a day.



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ANOTHER grand voice of nature is the thunder. Ignorant people often have a vague idea that thunder is produced by the clouds knocking together, which is very absurd, if you remember that clouds are but waterdust. The most probable explanation of thunder is much more beautiful than this. Heat forces the air-atoms apart. Now, when a flash of lightning crosses the sky, it suddenly expands the air all round it as it passes, so that globe after globe of sound-waves is formed at every point across which the lightning travels. Light travels

so rapidly (192,000 miles in a second) that a flash of lightning is seen by us and is over in a second, even when it is two or three miles long. But sound comesslowly, taking five seconds to travel a mile, and so all the sound-waves at each point of the two or three miles fall on our ear one after the other, and make the rolling thunder. Sometimes the roll is made even longer by the echo, as the sound-waves are reflected to and fro by the clouds on their way; and in the mountains we know how the peals echo and re-echo until they die away.

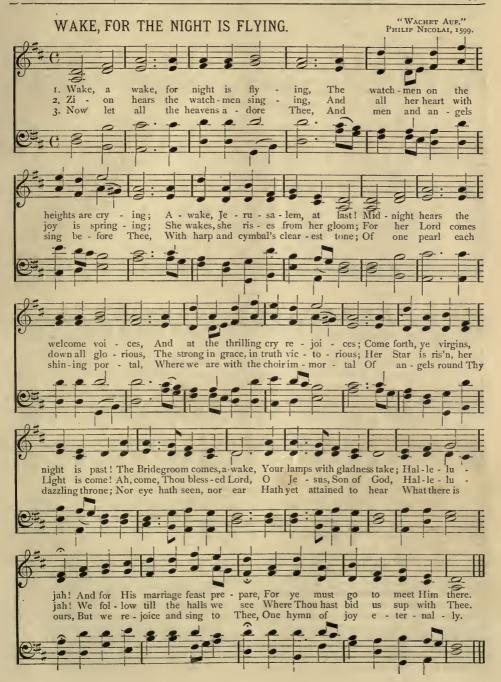


"WE have selected music," says Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, in his preface to the Plymouth Collection, "with reference to the wants of families, of social meetings, and of the lecture-room, as well as of the great congregation. But the tunes are chiefly for congregational singing. We have gathered up whatever we could find of merit, in old or new music, that seemed fitted for this end. Not the least excellent are the popular revival melodies, which, though they have been often excluded from classic collections of music, have

never been driven out from among the people. These have been gathered up, and fitly arranged, having already performed most excellent service. They are now set forth with the best of all testimonials—the affection and admiration of thousands who have experienced their inspiration. Because they are home-bred and popular, rather than foreign and stately, we like them none the less. And we cannot doubt that many of them will carry up to heaven the devout fervor of God's people until the millennial day."

Music is one of the best of arts. The notes make the words living. Music drives away the spirit of sadness, as we see by King Saul. Music is the best recreation for sad men; thereby, the heart becomes contented, refreshed, and restored. Music makes a man more tender and sweet-natured, more moral and reasonable. I love music at all times. A man who knows this art is qualified for all good things. It is necessary to keep music in schools. I do not look at

a school-teacher who can not sing. I would not part with my little music for great riches. Singing is the best art and training. Dear, sing me a song as David did when playing his harp. Music is a gift and a donation of the Lord, and not from men. It drives away the devil, and makes people merry; they forget anger, impurity, pride and other vices. And we see how David and all other saints have put their pious thoughts into poems and songs. — Martin Luther, Dec. 18, 1538.



PROGRESS.—Granting the need of more general musical culture, if we as a nation would not only become capable of appreciating the highest expression of art, but would cherish the hope of one day giving birth to the true artist, child of his times and his people, how shall we best secure that training and that broad general culture characteristic of the universal art above all others? In primary and grammar schools this is begun; in the high and normal schools in the large cities this training progresses as far and as rapidly as could be reasonably expected. It embraces to a limited ex-

tent the theory of music, the rudiments of harmony, and more or less proficiency in sight singing and training as chorus or part singers, rarely as soloists. With instrumental music no acquaintance is attempted as yet, but the fields are ready for sowing. Under judicious leadership, such as our large cities are ableto command, thousands of boys and girls are familiarized with good music, and have taken part in the grand choruses which "sing straight up to heaven." Mendelssohn, Mozart, Handel, and Haydn have become as household words. The best of the light modern music, adapted for their



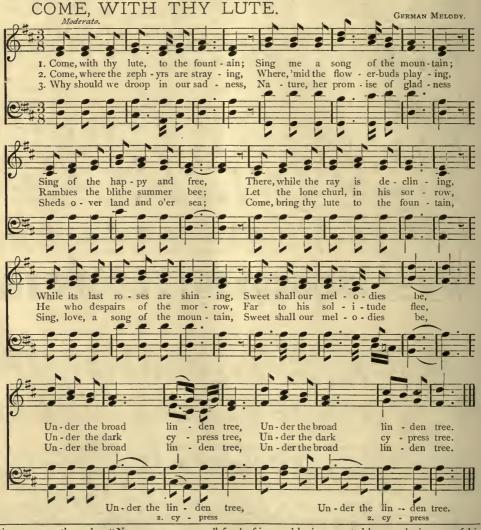
use, is given for their profit and enjoyment, making possible such programmes as those afforded by our annual school festivals, when twelve or fifteen hundred fresh, pure voices make such music as we dream of when we think of "the voice of harpers harping with their harps, and they sung as it were a new song before the throne." With many, because of other interests and occupations, special musical instruction ends here, but not the far-reaching result. The glees and fourpart songs, so skillfully and thoroughly learned at school, are as sweet within the walls of the humblest

home, in the woodland ramble, when the rare holiday comes, or in the workshop. The purest and simplest form of musical enjoyment is thus made possible, with all harmonious requirements, where even four are found with one heart and mind, with music in their souls, though not a single musical instrument should offer its sustaining accompaniment. When the genius of song crowns the gospel of work, there will be fewer strikes; grimy faces will be less haggard; under the unconscious influence of beauty, harmony, and rhythm, labor will be more cheerfully, more faithfully performed—*Gray*.



CAROLS.—In Shakespeare's time carols were sung in the streets at night during Christmas by the waits or watches, who expected to receive gifts for their singing. Many a writer upon old times and customs refers to the "wakeful ketches of Christmas Eve." It was after the Reformation that they ceased to sing Latin hymns in the churches, and substituted the sweet Christmas carols. There were then two kinds of carols in vogue—those of a devotional nature, which were sung not only in the churches, but also through the streets from house to house upon Christmas Eve,

and even after that, morning and evening, until Twelfth Day; for in those times men were able to spare more than one brief day for the celebration of Christmas, and often kept up the festival for some twelve days. Other carols were of a livelier nature, and were especially adapted to the revel and the feast where the lord of misrule had potent sway. These carols were all called wassail songs, and probably originated among the Anglo-Normans, who were of a convivial nature. No Christmas entertainment was complete without the joyous singing of carols, and



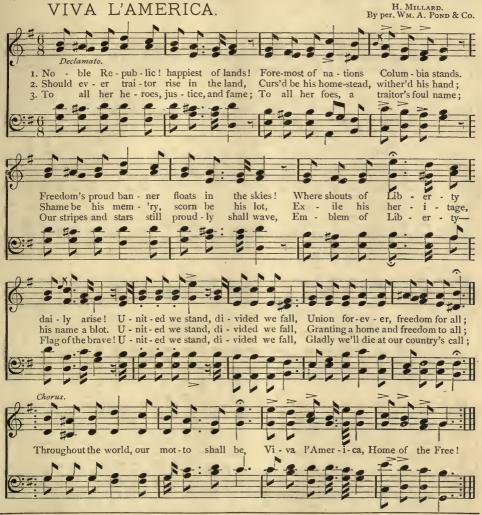
thence came the rule; "No song, no supper," for every guest at the table was expected to join in the carol. One of the old rules was that "the ancient master of the revel is, after dinner and supper, to sing a carol, or song, and to command the other gentlemen present to sing with him and the companies."

When simple curiosity passes into love of knowledge as such, and the gratification of the æsthetic sense of the beauty of completeness and accuracy seems more desirable than the easy indolence of ignorance; when the finding out of the causes of things becomes a source

of joy, and he is accounted happy who is successful in the search, common knowledge passes into what has been called natural history, whence there is but a step to that which now passes by the name of physical science. In this final state of knowledge, the phenomena of nature are regarded as a continuous series of causes and effects. And the ultimate object of science is to trace that series, from the term which is nearest us to that which is at the farthest limit accessible to our means of investigation. The field of Nature is boundless, nowhere inaccessible, everywhere unfathomable.

In instrumental music, even more than in singing, much depends on the fidelity and earnestness of the pupil. It is true that if the lesson be very long and intricate, it is not possible for each pupil to play it through with close criticism; but individual performance is not the most important part of teaching; we are all more or less imitative, and learn by example and precept, by the mistakes and successes of others. Numbersix on Monday should be number one on Thursday, and in turn become a model or a beacon. The stimulus that is assumed by the associating of pupils in this

work is too important to be overlooked. Apart from that instinct in human nature manifested in a desire to excel and surpass others in any contest, the habit of playing and singing in the presence of others tends to banish shyness; and that wretched manvais honte which many of us know to our cost keeps silent many a music lover who, it may be, is no mean performer, but, unused to displaying his or her talent before others than the teacher, is overwhelmed with fright when asked to confer pleasure, getting only a partial and individual enjoyment out of a large expenditure of time and money.

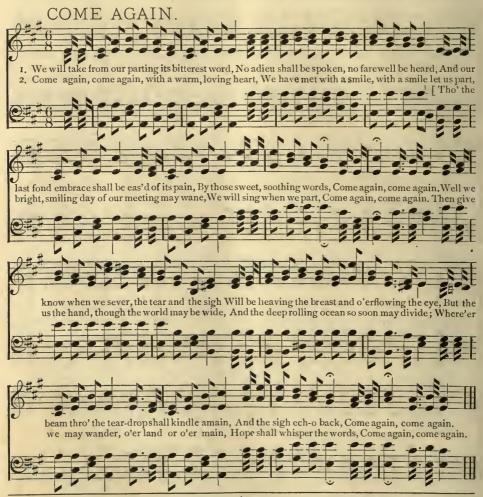


In the spring of 1863 two great armies encamped on either side of the Rappahannock River, one in blue and the other in gray. One evening, as twilight fell, the bands of music on the Union side began to play their martial music, the "Star Spangled Banner" and "Rally Round the Flag;" and that challenge of music was taken up by those upon the other side, who responded with the "Bonnie Blue Flag" and "Away Down South in Dixie." It was borne in upon the soul of a single soldier in one of those army bands to begin a sweeter and more tender air, and slowly, as he played it, they joined in a sort of chorus of all the

instruments upon the Union side, until finally a great and mighty tide of harmony swelled up and down our army—"Home, Sweet Home." When they had finished there was no challenge yonder, for every band upon that farther shore had taken up the lovely air, so attuned to all that is holiest and dearest, and one grand chorus of the two great hosts went up to God. When they had finished, from the boys in gray came a challenge, "Three cheers for home!" and as they went resounding through the skies from both sides of the river, "something upon the soldiers' cheeks washed off the stains of powder."—Frances E. Willard.

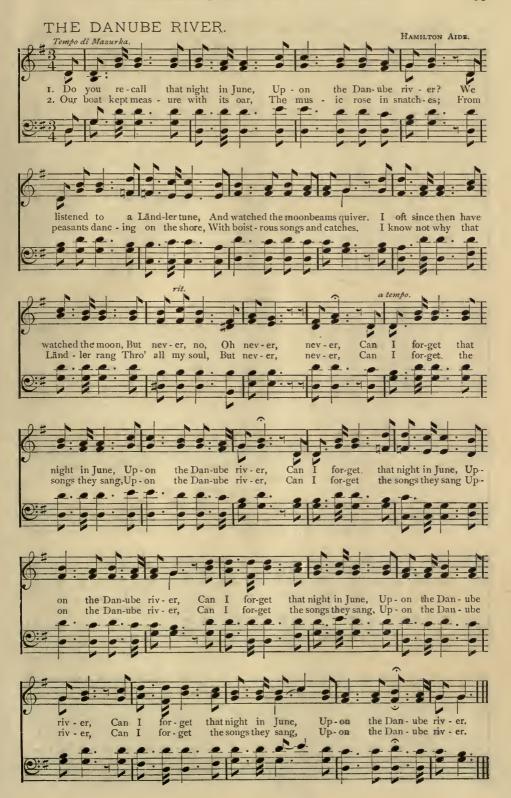
BALLADS .- The conditions under which our ancient ballad-poetry arose are tolerably well under-It belongs to a primitive state of society, in which the knowledge of letters was restricted to a select class, and tradition was the sole vehicle of history to the mass of the people; when manners were ruder, laws less reverenced, the passions more unbridled, the utterance of emotion franker and less conventional than now. Though the writers cannot always be supposed contemporary with the events they record, they uniformly address a sympathetic audience, whose standard of morality or sentiment, and level of culture, little, if at all, differ from those pre-

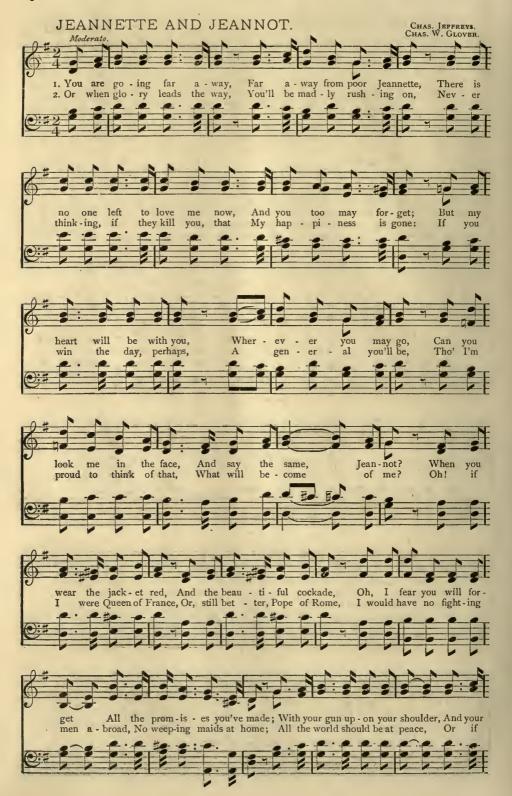
vailing at the period to which their traditions refer. The Border minstrelsy, for example, was obviously written for the children or grandchildren of the mosstroopers whose exploits it glorifies, a generation to whom appeals to a higher code or a purer taste than their ancestors accepted would have been wholly unintelligible. The general characteristics of the best specimens that remain to us, whether of the narrative and legendary ballad or of the lyrical and emotional ballad, are an unconscious simplicity of thought and language, a coarse but vivid realization of the scenes and delineation of the personages presented. They show few marks of artistic construction

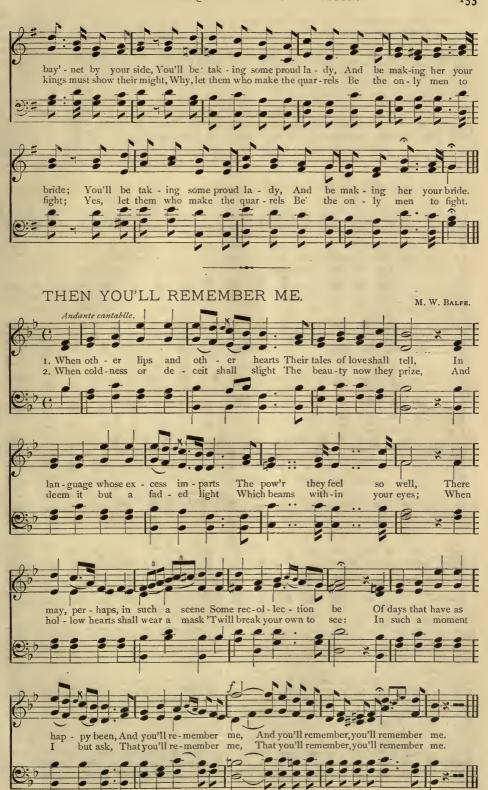


or ornament, beyond a rudimentary sense of pictorial expression, and the occasional introduction of abrupt snatches of wild fancy. In those cases where a burden is added, it serves either to mark the leading motive of the theme, to suggest the musical accompaniment to which the piece was set, or that "rhythm of the feet" from which the composition first took its name. The impossibility of restoring the conditions under which this description of poetry arose, does not oppose any obstacle to its successful cultivation in our day. To surrender the type would be a gratuitous waste of means, for of all narrative and lyrical most appropriate vehicle. - Contemporary Review.

forms, it is the simplest and the most direct in its The testimony borne to its potency by Sir Philip Sidney, by Addison, and the authority for whom Fletcher of Saltoun stood sponsor, would be unanimously endorsed to-day. The varnish of our social conventionalism is, after all, extremely thin, and the most cultivated audience cannot listen to a plain story of heroism or of pathos without flushing cheeks and burning eyes. For enshrining the memory of any grandly heroic achievement, for giving utterance to any pure emotion, the ballad remains the







"THESE musicians are a queer set; it is hard to please them; it is hard to get along with them!" This and similar expressions one hears every now and then from the lips of people who think they know of what they speak. We will lay down a few rules of etiquette for the benefit of such; they may get along better with musicians by learning a lesson from them. When you invite a musician to dine with you, give him at once to understand that you expect him to entertain your company. Any man of self-respect will appreciate such an invitation. If he comes and does play, be sure to start a lively discussion while he is at the piano, for this is a compliment that cannot fail to please him. When he has played his selections, tell him how you

enjoyed the performance of this or that great pianist or singer, who perchance performed the same pieces. It places the musician in a favorable light, and makes him feel comfortable, or, if you please, enter a complaint against the style of his music, either that it is too classic, or too popular, for this shows that you are a man of good taste and judgment. If you are acquainted among the musicians of your town, criticise those that are absent; it is reasonable to suppose that he indulges in like unfavorable opinions of other musicians and that he will be pleased with your remarks. If you have a very difficult piece on hand, ask him to play it at sight, for what sort of a musician is he who cannot play everything at sight? When a musician refuses to play, keep.



on asking him, for his refusal is only a pretense. It is true you would not press a man to eat if he declined, but then there is a difference between eating and playing. A musician ought always to be ready to play, no matter how he feels. Of course, you would not think of asking a lawyer who dines with you for an opinion in a case that involves a lawsuit, nor would you ask a physician to prescribe for your child while you socially entertained him, for these people charge for their professional labor; but why should a musician refuse to give you and your company the benefit of his skill? His work is only play, that's all. If he views the matter from a different standpoint, denounce him as selfish and mean, and do what you can to injure his business among your friends.

When you expect a musician to play for you, don't take the trouble to have a tuner examine the condition of your piano. What if it is out of tune! If you are satisfied with discords, the musician surely ought to be. It is different with painters; they must have good brushes and paints, to produce good pictures; a mechanic must have good tools to do good work, but a musician should make good music on any old trap of an organ or piano, whether in tune or not. One more rule: Everybody likes to be treated with a patronizing air, musicians especially. Let them feel your superiority socially and financially; treat them as a class who live on flattery, and must be indulged as children. This is the best way to get along with these queer people!—Karl Mers.

I HAVE here a simple apparatus to show that rapid and regular shocks produce a natural musical note. This wheel is milled at the edge, and when I turn it rapidly so that it strikes against the edge of the card fixed behind it, the notches strike in rapid succession, and produce a musical sound. We can also prove by this experiment that the quicker the blows are, the higher the note will be. I pull the string gently at first, and then more quickly, and you will notice that the note grows sharper and sharper till the movement begins to slacken, when the note goes down again. This is because the more rapidly the air is hit, the shorter are the waves it makes, and short waves give a high note. Let us examine this with two tuning forks. I strike

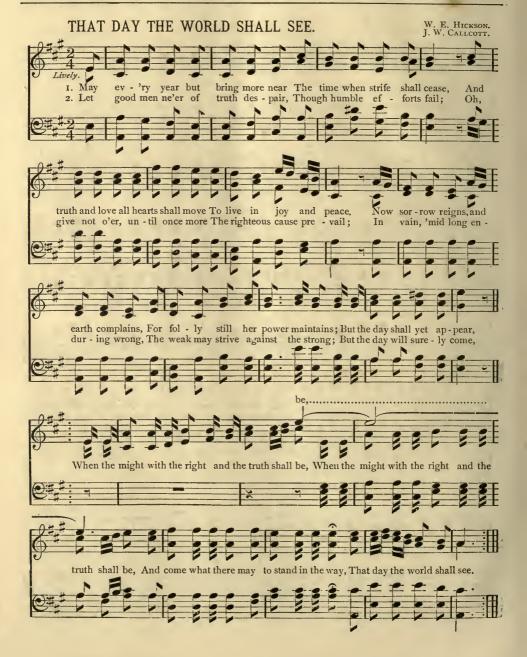
one, and it sounds C, the third space in the treble; I strike the other, and it sounds A, the first leger line, five notes above C. I have drawn on this diagram an imaginary picture of these two sets of waves. You see that the A fork makes three waves, while the C fork makes only two. Why is this? Because the prong of the A fork moves three times backwards and forwards while the prong of the C fork moves only twice; therefore the A fork does not crowd so many atoms together before it draws back, and the waves are shorter. These two notes, C and A, are three-fourths of an octave apart; if we had two forks, one going twice as fast as the other, making four waves while the other made two, then that note would be an octave higher.—Buckley.



INSIDE that curled part of the labyrinth, which looks like a snail-shell and is called the *cochlea*, there is a most wonderful apparatus of more than three thousand fine stretched filaments or threads, and these act like the strings of a harp, and make us hear different tones. If we go near to a harp or a piano, and sing any particular note very loudly, we may hear this note sounding in the instrument, because we will set just that particular string quivering which gives the note we sang. The air-waves set going by the voice touch that string, because it can quiver in time with them, while none of the other strings can do so. Now, just in the same way the tiny instrument of three thousand strings in the ear, which is called Corti's organ, vibrates to the air-

waves, one thread to one set of waves, another to another, and according to the fibre that quivers, will be the sound we hear. Here, then, we see how nature speaks to us. All the movements going on outside, however violent and varied they may be, cannot of themselves make sound. But here, in this little space behind the drum of our ear, the air-waves are sorted and sent on to our brain, where they speak as sound. The Bible contains the songs and prophecies that

THE Bible contains the songs and prophecies that burst from human souls when the moral idea first dawned upon them in all its sublime grandeur; and those first expressions of astonishment, enthusiasm and self-forgetful love have never been equalled by any subsequent expressions for freshness and might.—Adlar.



AULD LANG SYNE is popularly supposed to be the composition of Burns, but, in fact, he wrote only the second and third verses of the ballad as commonly sung, retouching the others from an older and less familiar song. The Old Oaken Bucket was written by Woodworth, in New York City, during the hot summer of 1817. He came into the house and drank a glass of water, and then said, "How much more refreshing it would be to take a good, long drink from the old oaken bucket that used to hang in my father's well." His wife suggested that it was a happy thought for a poem. He sat down and wrote the song as we have it. Woodman, Spare that Tree! was the result of an incident that came to the knowledge of George

P. Morris. A friend's mother had owned a little place in the country, which she was obliged, from poverty, to sell. On the property grew a large oak which had been planted by his grandfather. The purchaser of the house and land proposed to cut down the tree, and Morris's friend paid him ten dollars for a bond that the oak should be spared. Morris heard the story, saw-the tree, and wrote the song. Oft in the Stilly Night was produced by Moore after his family had undergone, apparently, every possible misfortune; one of his children died young, another went astray, and a third was accidentally killed. The Light of Other Days was written for Balfe's opera, the "Maid of Artois." The opera is forgotten, but the song still lives, and is as popular as ever.



Backward fold;

Arms akimbo, chest upright;

Don't you see

Where scholars love to be?

Comfort, wealth.

We can thus improve, you know,

takes us back to remote antiquity. Every nation in ancient times had its peculiar instruments of music, and its national songs. These songs invariably refer to victories gained, battles fought, sieges carried on, or the services of some individual hero. The name of the soldier or officer who had done some deed of renown stood beside that of the general who com-manded. With the Spartans, the song Castor was the signal for combat; the Romans took cities to the sound of the trumpet and the horn; the Egyptians, Arabians and ancient Germans went to battle to the beating of drums, the sound of the flute, the cymbal

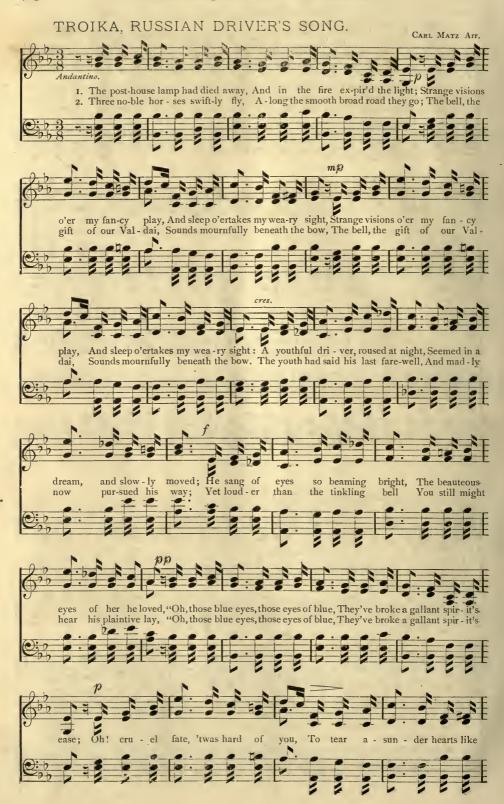
MILITARY MUSIC.—The origin of military music | and the clarion. In ancient times and among different people, each instrument had its peculiar use. The Chinese, in their war music, employed bells and triangles. With the Romans, the trumpet indicated the assembling of the troops, the bugle announced the coming of the general, and the horn gave the signal of retreat. It was to the noise of these instruments combined-discordant, shrill, deafening-that they threw themselves upon the ranks of the enemy. Among the Egyptians, bells, in conjunction with timbrels, served to form a species of military harmony. The Hebrew soldiery employed the horn, the trumpet, the timbrel and the sackbut, an instrument some-



what resembling the trombone. to the Roman legions had made much progress at the time of the conquest of the Gauls; but dating from this epoch, it became more and more feeble. The soldiery of France received and preserved the clarion and trumpet of Cæsar's armies, but the custom of making use of music was insensibly lost. At the commencement of the Middle Ages, the instruments handed down and preserved were useful merely in rallying the soldiers, calling them to battle, and making them endure with gayety the fatigues of a march. At this time, the method of the Romans had entirely disappeared. About this period, the French min- The drum was played with a single stick .- Moore.

The music attached strels began occasionally to accompany the troops to Their instruments were the rebec, a little three-stringed violin, bagpipe, and flute or pipe. About the year 1330, they began to use the clarion, an instrument derived from the Moors, who transmitted it into Portugal from Africa. The cornet, another war instrument of the ancients, made its reappearance about the same time. It was about this time, also, that the adventurous Italian bands recovered the usage of military music, which soon spread among the other nations of Europe. To the drums and trumpets they joined the flute, fife and pandean pipe





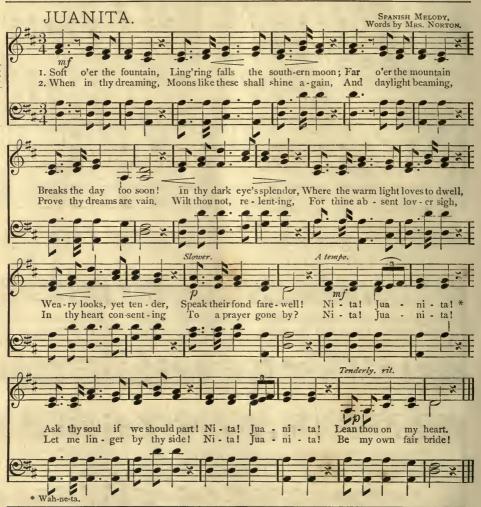






LIFE-SOUNDS.—We think for a moment of life-sounds, of which there are so many around us. Do you know why we hear a buzzing, as the gnat, the bee, or the cockchafer fly past? Not by the beating of their wings against the air, as many people imagine, and as is really the case with humming birds, but by the scraping of the under-part of their hard wings against the edges of their hind-legs, which are toothed like a saw. The more rapidly their wings are put in motion the stronger this grating sound becomes. Some insects, like the drone-fly, force the air through the tiny air-passages in their sides, and as these pas-

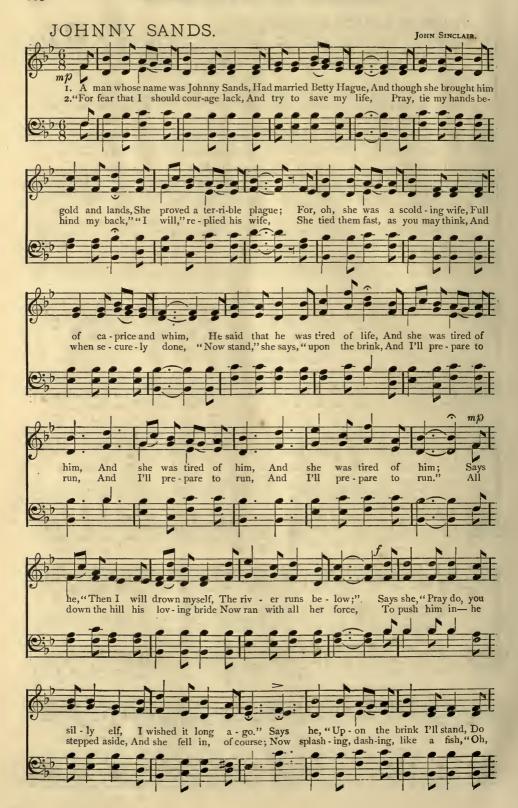
sages are closed by little plates, the plates vibrate to and fro and make sound-waves. All these life-sounds are made by creatures which do not sing or speak; but the sweetest sounds of all in the woods are the voices of the birds. All voice-sounds are made by two elastic bands or cushions, called vocal chords, stretched across the end of the tube or windpipe through which we breathe, and as we send the air through them we tighten or loosen them as we will, and so make them vibrate quickly or slowly and make sound-waves of different lengths. But if you will try some day in the woods you will find that a bird can



surpass you over and over again in the length of his note; when you are out of breath and forced to stop he will go on with his merry trill as fresh and clear as if he had only just begun. This is because birds can draw air into the whole of their body, and they have a large stock laid up in the folds of their windpipe, and besides this the air-chamber behind their elastic bands or vocal chords has two compartments where we have only one, and the second compartment has special muscles by which they can open and shut it, and so prolong the trill. Only think what a rapid succession of waves must quiver through the

air as a tiny bird agitates his little throat and pours forth a volume of song! The next time you can do so, spend half-an-hour listening to him, or to the canary bird as he swings in his cage, and try to picture to yourself how that little being is moving all the atmosphere around him. Then dream for a little while about Sound, what it is, how marvelously it works outside in the world, and inside in your ear and brain; and then, when you go back to work again, you will hardly deny that it is well worth while to listen sometimes to the voices of Nature and ponder how it is that we hear them.—Miss A. R. Buckley

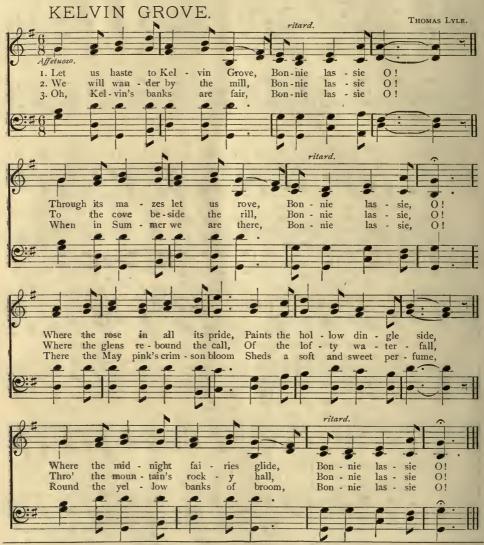






THE greatest privilege of a city life seems to be its musical opportunities. In the cultivated or mountainous country a banquet is provided for the eye. And there, too, we can have intellectual pleasures—communion through boo's with the best minds, thoughts, and experiences of our own age and history. The city alone can give us a chorus, a sublime organ, and an orchestra. In these some of the rich and manifest advances of modern over ancient civilization are summed up. . . Perhaps there is a music of the spheres, but

we can only imagine it—we know nothing of it. I have sometimes thought that if a blind spirit could be supported in space so as to hear, as this globe rolled by him, the notes that are borne on it—the myriad-voiced melody of birds, the sweeping of winds over all the zones, and the sheets of sound, now sombre, now cheerful, they waken from the forests which they stir; the low, lisping penitence of the peaceful sea, and, through all, the thunderous mellow bass of the stirred ocean, beating on a thousand leagues of rock—that



spirit might imagine it was a mighty organ rolling by, touched on every key, alive in every stop, and aroused by every pedal to the praise of God. The highest music is religious. And, in speaking of orchestra, organ and chorus, as supplying the supreme civilized privilege of the city, let me go further and express my belief that the greatest fortune that can befall a person in the line of art is—more than seeing Rubens' picture of the Descent from the Cross, or Titian's Assumption, or Da Vinci's Last Supper, or Raffaelle's Transfiguration, or

the Dresden Madonna—to hear Handel's "Messiah," when it is given with a competent combination of power and gifts. I always wonder, when I hear that oratorio, that in every city a grand cathedral service is not made out of it, or of selections from it, once a month, certainly every Christmas—that the promise of Christ, and the blessedness of his grace, and the beneficence of his reign, and glory of his triumph, may have fit interpretation in words and in ways that oversweep the petty divisions of catechisms and creeds.—Rev. T. Starr King.

'UNISON.-When notes from any two sources are | In order, then, to determine the number and length of

vin unison, they are produced by the same number of vibrations. If the string of a violin, the cord of a guitar, the parchment of a drum, the pipe of an organ, produce the same musical tone, it is because the vibrations in all are performed in equal times. If a voice dall, it has been found that the wings of a gnat flap, and a piano execute the same music, the steel strings in flying, at the rate of 15,000 times per second. The of the piano and the vocal cords of the singer vibrate waves of a man's voice in conversation are from together and send out sound-waves of the same length. 8 to 12 feet long; a woman's, from 2 to 4 feet long.



ART OF SINGING.—It must have struck every intelligent frequenter of the concert-rooms to what hopeless straits an enthusiastic admirer of any particular singer is put when asked to give his reasons for appreciating the merits of his favorite. The answer, if one is given, is often couched in vague generalities, and in some cases may be said to amount to literally nothing at all. The artist has a good voice, one is told, a clear enunciation, has done some things very well or, it may be, his appearance and deportment are pleasing. Why should

this incapacity to give a reason for liking a thing exist? The explanation is clear enough to those who have turned their attention to the phenomenon, and lies in the fact, that an audience taken collectively knows little or nothing of the art of singing, and even were the very party who is the object of applause interrogated as to the cause of his or her success, in but few cases probably would a satisfactory explanation be forthcoming, for although he or she may have received such education in the art as is usually afforded, that



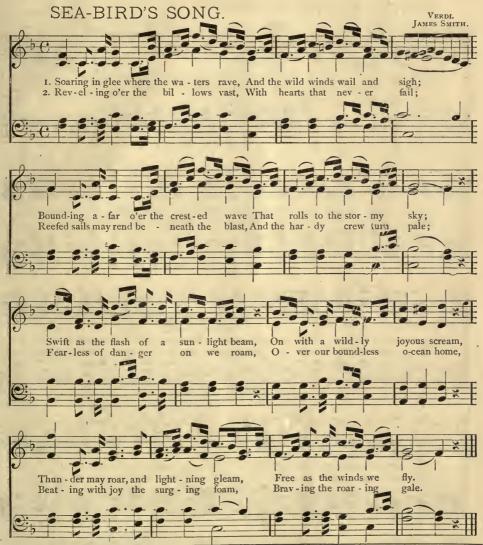
education does not take into account the fact that explanation may sometimes be required. There exists, indeed, no complete and intelligent system of vocal training. Pupils are not required to reason; suffice it if, after years of toil, by hook or by crook, rightly or wrongly, they acquire the power to produce certain effects. It may be pointed out as an extraordinary fact that, while singing is the most widely diffused of all arts, no art is more in its infancy with regard to the principles on which it is taught. We offer no explanation of the

anomaly. A fine voice will go far with an uncritical audience, and there are many singers who set a higher value on the apparent satisfaction of others than on the absolute consciousness of having satisfied themselves.

THE interlude in the music is an echo, or a prophecy, or both combined. If it be an echo, it attempts to render in pure musical sound the dominant thought of the stanza that went before. If it be a prophecy, it sees what is coming and prepares the way for it, and brings the devotional congregation to the next stanza.

THE VOICE.—In the human system the parts concerned in the production of speech and music are three—the wind-pipe, the larynx, and the glottis. The windpipe is a tube which terminates in the lungs, through which the air passes to and from these organs. The larynx, which is essentially the organ of speech, is an enlargement of the upper part of the wind-pipe. The larynx terminates in two lateral membranes which approach near to each other, having a little narrow opening between them called the glottis. The

edges of these membranes form what are called the vocal chords. To produce voice the air expired from the lungs passes through the wind-pipe and out at the larynx through this opening between the membranes, the glottis; the vibration of the edges of these membranes, caused by the passage of air, produces sound. The organs of the voice produce sound on the same principles as a reed-instrument. By the action of delicate muscles we can vary the tension of these membranes, and make the opening between them large or



small, and thus render the tone of the voice grave or acute. The sound, as it passes through the mouth, is greatly modified by the tongue, teeth, lips, roof of mouth and nasal passages. The loudness of the voice depends mainly upon the force with which the air is expelled from the lungs. The force which a healthy chest can exert in blowing is about one pound per square inch of its surface; that is to say, the chest can condense its contained air with that force, and can

blow through a tube, the mouth of which is ten feet under the surface of water. Coughing, sneezing, laughing, crying, each in itself a marvel of wonder, are due to the sudden expulsion of air from the lungs. ALL persons cannot hear sound alike. In different

ALL persons cannot near sound alike. In different individuals the sensibility of the auditory nerve varies greatly. The whole range of human hearing, from the lowest note of the organ to the highest known cry of insects, as of the cricket, includes about nine octaves.

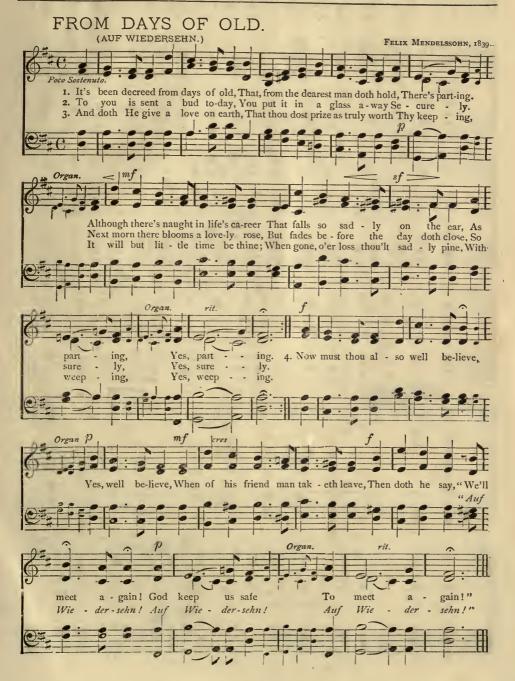
Some of the older and more familiar hymns which we have sung from our infancy, and the words of which we can repeat from beginning to end, yet without remembering ever to have committed them to memory, associate themselves so naturally with the inspired writings that it is almost with difficulty we can at all realize that these lines of living truth and of helpful love were actually written by mortals like ourselves,—poor erring mortals! many of them—in comparatively recent years. The hymn-writers of the last two centuries, those who have had the true gift from above, and

who have used it with the right motive, have done more to aid and to elevate their fellow beings than they everdreamed of doing, and are really only second to those who wrote under direct inspiration. In fact, however, who will venture to say that our hymnists have not been as directly and as truly inspired as were the evangelists themselves? Although, at first thought, it does require an effort of the mind, to realize that these hymns are the work of modern writers, it is very pleasant, and always a matter of interest, to know the incidents and circumstances of their composition.



THE absolute necessity of colleges of music was early discovered by the greatest musical peoples of the world, the Germans and Italians; and among the former especially we find to-day the most flourishing and extensive institutions of a musical educational character to be found in Europe. Mendelssohn, the founder of the Leipsic Conservatory, in reference to the class system of teaching, says: "An institution such as the conservatory has this advantage over the private instruction of the Individual, that, by the participation of several in the

same lessons at the same time, a true musical feeling is awakened and kept freshamong the people; it produces industry and spurs on to emulation; it is a preservative against one-sidedness of education and taste, a tendency against which every artist, even in the student years, should be upon his guard." No higher musical authority seems possible. When we add to it the result of that class system which every year brings before us in the accomplished graduates from those famous schools, it seems as if all carping criticism should be hushed.











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